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## President's Message

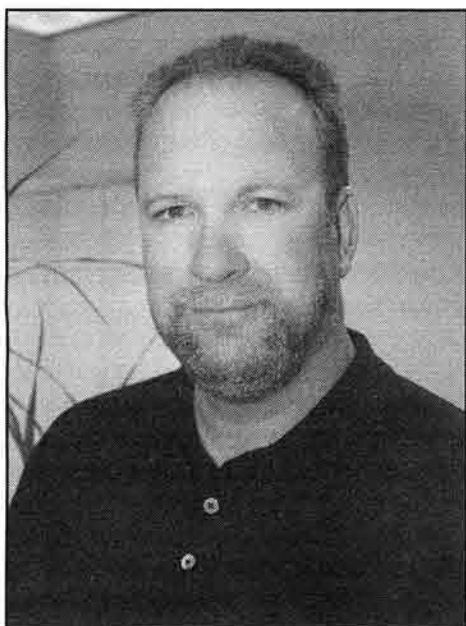
# Talk To Your Rep, Read The Journal, Go Online

By Gary Delagnes,  
SFPOA President

**A**lmost daily, I receive inquiries from members about issues that have been discussed extensively at monthly POA General Membership meetings. Since most of the issues have also been thoroughly written about in the *Journal*, I can only deduce that some of the elected POA representatives are not adequately communicating the information to the membership at unit line-ups. It also appears that a lot of our members do not thoroughly read the *POA Journal*. This is an unfortunate situation, because an informed membership makes for a strong and effective organization.

Many issues are local, specific to a station or unit. I likely will not have the most current information about such matters. That's when it is most important to know your POA representative and to talk to him or her to get the latest and most informed updates. We have 32 POA board members, two for each station or unit in the department. They do a good job at the monthly board meetings and should be informed on all the pressing issues of the moment. It is incumbent on you the member to seek out your unit representative if you feel you are not getting the information to which you are entitled.

As of now, the *Journal* is the most efficient method that the executive board and I have to address the membership at large. We expect to augment our ability to communicate directly with the members once our new web site and members' forum is up and running. But until then, I encourage all the members to read the *Journal* and the POA Bulletins.



SFPOA President Gary Delagnes

I intend to periodically update the membership on outstanding issues of importance that come to light and dispel bad information that is generated by the rumor mill. This is one such briefing.

### The DROP Program

It appears that the DROP program will be enlisting eligible participants as promised by July 1, 2008. The City is working on the final document that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors very soon in the form of an ordinance. We have met with the City and are pleased with the document.

After the Board of Supervisors passes the ordinance — hopefully in May — all eligible members will be notified by the department and given clear direction on how to enter the DROP program.

The discussion about DROP participants in specialized units is ongoing.

Department command staffers have not determined the urgency of replacing personnel in those units until they know how many officers will enter the program. It appears that most officers in the specialized units will remain in their current assignments for the foreseeable future, and officers currently assigned to FOB will most likely remain in their current assignments.

### Requested Give Backs On Current Contract

As most of you are aware, the city is facing a projected \$250-300 million dollar shortfall for the next fiscal year. The City has indicated that they would like the unions to give back 3% of their current MOUs in some form.

We have not agreed to re-open our contract, nor are we inclined to do so. If the City wishes to discuss the situation with the POA, we are always willing to listen. Nonetheless, we have no intention of renegotiating our contract.

### The By-Law Revisions

We are in the process of changing our by-laws, much like other unions have been doing over the past two decades. Changes in tax laws, corporation law, and other legal areas have rendered our current by-laws antiquated and ineffective in many respects.

A current member of the Board of Directors has made false and malicious accusations against me implying that I have some devious reason for changing the corporate status of the organization. That is a ludicrous charge.

The truth is that changing the association from Corporation status to Non-Profit status is something that virtually every union and law enforce-

ment agency in the state of California has already done. In the 40's and 50's, it was necessary to establish corporation status to ensure that officers of the corporation would be indemnified against liability. Since that time, non-profit organizations have achieved the same protections without maintaining corporation status.

As a non-profit organization, we will enjoy all of the same protections that we do as a corporation, and at the same time we will not be hamstrung by restrictive corporation statutes every time we wish to make internal decisions.

For example, as it stands now, we would have to comply with corporation law if we chose to disband a committee within the POA. Under the new by-laws that could be done by a vote of the board of directors without hiring attorneys to research our options under the corporation codes. Every member of the Board of Directors understood the reasons for our actions accept one.

### Vacant Captain Positions

Like every other department head in San Francisco, Chief Fong has been directed to cut management positions in her department. We are currently meeting with the Chief to discuss her strategy in complying with that order. We are committed to maintaining as many captain positions as possible. We will fight for every available budgeted requisition for the Q-80 rank. It is important to note that we have the largest command staff per capita of any major police department in the state, and we will continue to work with the department when determining the most effective distribution of personnel.

## The 140th Official San Francisco Presidio Memorial Day Ceremony Will Honor 90th Anniversary Of World War I

**T**he 140th official City and County of San Francisco's Memorial Day Observance will take place on Monday, May 26, 2008. The ceremony will be held at the historic Presidio's San Francisco National Cemetery.

The 91st Division Pipes & Drums will lead a parade featuring vehicles from the Bay Area Model A Ford Club, from the Parade Ground to the cemetery at 10:30 AM. The Formal Ceremony will start at 11:00 AM and end at 12:00 Noon. Music will be provided by only military band in the Bay Area, the 91st Division Band.

This Memorial Day we will honor the 90th Anniversary of World War I & all those that served & died during that war. We also will pay special tribute to all

Americans killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The one-hour Formal Ceremony will start by honoring our World War I veterans. The 91st Division Band will play songs from that era, while members of the Bay Area Historical Representation Society dressed in World War I uniforms perform. Congresswoman Jackie Speier will be the featured speaker and she will present a special tribute to Tom Lantos.

The ceremony will end with the playing of "Amazing Grace", taps, and a 21 Gun Howitzer cannon salute.

For information contact Wallace Levin, 415-710-5293 or 415-554-6036.





POA General Membership Meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2008

1. Sergeant-at-Arms Breen called the meeting to order at 1204 hours and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Secretary Montoya conducted the roll call of the Board of Directors and Executive Board.

3. Representative Madsen (Tac) made a motion that the March 2008 minutes be approved. Motion was seconded by Representative Ferraez (Co. C) and passed by way of voice vote.

4. President Delganes provided PAL President Rick Bruce with a check for \$15,000.00. PAL President Bruce
- thanked the POA for their continued support.

5. Ely Turner and Maris Goldsborough were nominated to represent Ingleside Station.

6. Damon Hart and Brian Philpott were nominated to represent Tenderloin Station.

7. Pierre Martinez and Dean Taylor were nominated to represent Investigations.

8. President Delagnes advised that Secretary Montoya will prepare a special election for the above mentioned Units.
9. President Delagnes ordered the Board of Directors into executive session to discuss the recent conduct of a Board Member (executive session lasted 45 minutes).

10. President Delganes provided the Board of Directors with a letter sent to the POA by a Lieutenant. The letter outlined the concerns that management (Lieutenants and Captains) did not receive equal representation during contract negotiations.

11. President Delganes advised that the City is moving forward on implementing the DROP program with a projected start date of July 1, 2008.

12. Treasurer Halloran provided each Board Member with a printed copy of the POA's year to date budget.

13. Treasurer Halloran advised that the Executive Board approved a
- \$500.00 donation be made towards the election of Tom Shea (Democratic Central Committee). The Executive Board also approved a \$1000.00 donation be made towards the election of Mike Denunzio (Republican Central Committee)

Meeting Adjourned at 1415 hours.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Tony Montoya  
POA Secretary

*\*These minutes will not be adopted by the Board of Directors until the next General Membership meeting. Corrections and amendments might be made prior to a vote to enter the minutes into the permanent record. All corrections and/or amendments will be published in the succeeding issue of the Journal.*

Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call  
Monday, April 14, 2008

At the April 14, 2008 Special Board Meeting the members voted on a motion to send the proposed By-Law revisions back to committee to rewrite the section that provides for the number of representatives that each unit will have. The motion stated that the number of representatives will remain the same as it is provided for in the current By-Laws. On roll call vote, the motion passed with 23 Yea votes, and 10 No votes. — C, Breen

		Vote #1			Vote #1
President Gary Delagnes	P	Y	Co. G Sean O'Leary	P	N
Vice President			Dominic Yin	P	N
Kevin Martin	P	Y	Co. H Mike Walsh	P	Y
Secretary Tony Montoya	E				
Treasurer Marty Halloran	P	Y	Co. I Tessa Donati	E	
Sergeant-At-Arms			Jody Kato	P	N
Chris Breen	P	Y	Co. J Kevin Lyons	P	N
Editor Ray Shine	P		Gavin McEachern	A	
Co. A Ed Browne	P	N	Co. K Matt Gardner	P	Y
George Rosko	P	N	Corrado Petruzella	P	Y
Co. B Larry Bertrand	P	N	Hdqtr. Dennis Callaghan	P	N
Bill Roualdes	P	N	Bob Mammone	E	
Co. C George Ferraez	P		Narcotics Dave Falzon	E	
Liam Frost	P	N	Larry Mack	P	Y
Co. D Martin Covarrubias	P	Y	Tactical Dan Laval	P	N
Nate Steger	P	Y	Mark Madsen	P	N
Co. E Dermot Dorgan	P	N	Invest. Joseph Engler	P	N
Tim Flaherty	P	N			
Co. F Patrick Burke	P	N	Airport Bob Chapman	P	N
Peter Dacre	E		Joe Finigan	P	N
			SRO John Scully	A	
			Retired Ray Allen	P	

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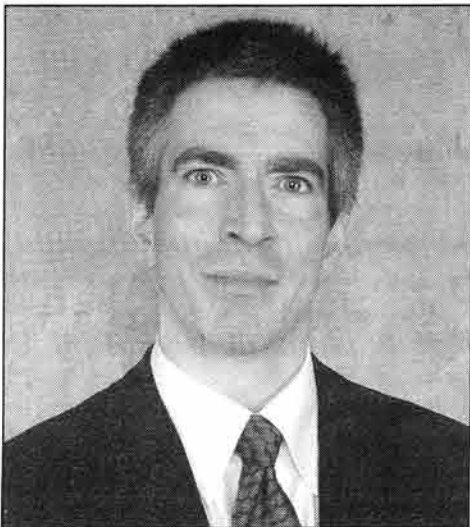
A Press Out of Touch

By John Tennant,  
SFPOA Counsel

Given recent dispatches from our local papers, one could be forgiven for thinking that the public is approaching an apoplectic rage over public employee wages. Hardly a week passes without some headline decrying this or that city's burgeoning deficit and citing as the potential culprit the amount of the poor city's budget which necessarily represents personnel costs — or to put it in slightly more provocative and sanguinary terms — the cost of labor. "Deficit looms over labor talks" warns the *San Jose Mercury News* in its somber assessment of contract negotiations between the City and the SJPOA. "Cities pay huge salaries despite fiscal crises" laments the *San Francisco Chronicle* in its disapproving review of the amounts of overtime earned by public-sector workers in the Bay Area. Such hand-wringing is of course quickly followed by the ritual invocation of poor Vallejo, reduced now by the press to an almost cartoon image of the prodigal spender, careening ever closer to bankruptcy, and all because of those voracious public employees. But a funny thing happened on the way to the forum of public debate over this terribly important issue of public worker compensation. The uproar that the press expected — perhaps even hoped — would result from its dire reportage on the subject has not in fact come to pass. If anything, as the *Chronicle's* "Reader's Representative," Dick Rogers, acknowledged on the paper's op-ed page the week after the overtime story had run, "[T]he complaints have been muted." As Rog-

ers went on to observe with palpable surprise in his tone, the *Chronicle's* "provocative story . . . generated only vigorous and mostly constructive debate. That might not strike you as odd, but in my little department, where complaints are the stock in trade, it was downright uncanny." Indeed, the editorial staff of the

of the individual workers and their respective earnings, was an odd way to achieve that end. It may be that we are beginning to see the opening of a breach between the press's rather monochromatic portrait of public sector wages and the public's more profound and nuanced understanding of the subject. How



SFPOA Counsel John Tennant

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*Chronicle* took subsequent pains to disassociate "bloated overtime budgets in San Francisco, Oakland, and Vallejo [from] 'greedy employees.'" Rather, the editorial stressed, "They're just doing their jobs. The runaway overtime budgets that were highlighted in a Sunday news story represent a management problem." This *ex post facto* admission was especially curious in light of the fact that the initial story contained a reader-searchable database of individual public employees making more than \$100,000 per year in Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, and Vallejo. If the *Chronicle* had meant ultimately to hold management (and not labor) accountable for overtime costs, then creating an employee-centered database, replete with the actual names

else to explain the gap between the "constructive debate" and "thoughtful chatter" which Rogers describes as characterizing the public response to the *Chronicle's* story on overtime and the *Mercury News's* monotone call for

"no raises next year"? (*Mercury News Editorial*, March 16, 2008). Really? Even if the wages of San Jose's finest lag substantially in the relevant labor markets and the City faces a severe recruitment problem? One deserves better from the Fourth Estate than such one-dimensional approaches, utterly lacking in depth and the more sophisticated analysis needed to address the real challenges of the day. It will be an ironic turn of events, indeed, if roles are reversed and the press winds up learning more from the public it is supposed to enlighten than vice versa. "Roll the Union On . . ."

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To appear in...	The deadline is ...
June 2008	May 22, 2008
July 2008	June 20, 2008
August 2008	July 18, 2008
September 2008	August 18, 2008
October 2008	September 15, 2008
November 2008	October 20, 2008
December 2008	November 14, 2008

Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars for the following meetings and events by the POA and its friends and supporters. All dates and times are subject to last minute changes, so always contact the event coordinator to confirm dates and times. If you have an event you would like posted on our calendar, contact the editor at [journal@sfpoa.org](mailto:journal@sfpoa.org).

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

Event	Location	Date & Time	Coordinator
Meeting, Veteran Police Officers Association	3255 Folsom, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Larry Barsetti (415) 566-5985 <a href="mailto:larry175@ix.netcom.com">larry175@ix.netcom.com</a>
Meeting, Widows & Orphans Aid Association	Ingleside Police Station, Community Rm	Second Tues. of Every Month, 2:00 PM	Mark Hurley (415) 681-3660
Meeting, American Legion SF Police-Fire Post	Old POA Building 510-7th Street, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 6:00 PM	Rene Laprevotte <a href="mailto:rlaprevotte@comcast.net">rlaprevotte@comcast.net</a>
POA General Membership Meeting	POA Building	Third Wed. of Every Month, Noon	POA Office, (415) 861-5060
Meeting, Retired Employees of CCSF	Irish Cultural Center	Second Wed. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Sara Johnson (415) 681-5949
Retiree Range Re-qualification	SFPD Pistol Range	First Fri. of each Month, 0730ñ1130	Range Staff (415) 587-2274

Specially Scheduled Events

Emerald Society Dinner/Dance	United Irish Cultural Center	Friday, May 2, 2008, 7:00 PM	Ann King (415) 999-2058
Scholarship Fundraiser SF Police Officers Pride Alliance	Kelly's Mission Rock Café 817 T. Francois Blvd.	Thursday, May 15, 2008, 5:30 PM	Pay at the Door
Promotional Dinner Homoring DC Cashman & Comm. Murphy	United Irish Cultural Center	Friday, May 16, 2008, 5:30	Kim D'Arcy (415) 553-1484
No. Cal Retiree Luncheon	Hunter Steakhouse; 3785 Cleveland Avenue; Santa Rosa, Ca	Tuesday, May 27, 2008 Noon	Joe Giacomini (916) 939-2060 <a href="mailto:joethejock612@sbcglobal.net">joethejock612@sbcglobal.net</a>
LPOA Scholarship Dinner/Dance	Casa De La Vista Treasure Island, SF	Saturday June, 14, 2008 6:00 PM	Maria Oropeza (415) 401-4701



# WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID ASSOCIATION

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April 8, 2008

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President Dave Fontana at 1:47 PM in the Conference room of Ingleside Station.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by President Dave Fontana.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Present: President Dave Fontana, Vice President Joe Garrity, Treasurer Jim Sturken, Secretary Mark Hurley. Trustees John Centurioni, Mark McDonough, Bill Gay and Bob Mattox. Excused: Matt Gardner. Also present was Past President Ray Crosat.

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING.** Motion by Bill Gay that the minutes be approved as published. Seconded by John Centurioni. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** Treasurer Sturken presented the usual bills. Motion by Mattox, seconded by Gay, that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Officer Daniel Kroos of Taraval Station donated \$172.14 overtime money he received from his testimony before the Grand Jury on the case of the death of Officer Nick Birco. The Officers and Trustees acknowledged what a classy thing to do.

## We Had Four Deaths This Past Month:

**CHARLES M. COLLINS**, 58 years. Charles "Chuck" was born in San Francisco and grew up in Noe Valley. He went to Sacred Heart High School and worked various jobs after High School. One was with Varner Ward Car Leasing and another as a Buildings and Grounds Patrolman. Chuck entered the Police Academy in 1971. His first assignment was Southern Station for a couple of years before going to Mission. From Mission he went to Co. K Administration. Ten years later he went to the Warrant Detail and then on to Traffic Courts from where he retired in 2003. Chuck was awarded a Silver Medal of Valor when off duty and shopping outside San Francisco came across an armed 211 of a Jewelry Store. He joined in the pursuit of three armed suspects and was instrumental in the arrest of all three suspects, recovery of three loaded weapons, and \$20,000.00 in jewelry. Chuck was not armed during this incident.

**HAROLD "HARRY" BELL**, 91 years. Harry was born in San Francisco and grew up in Excelsior. He went to Balboa High School. After High School, Harry worked at a slaughterhouse in "Butcher Town" and then for U.S. Laundry. He entered the Police Academy in 1942 and was a classmate of Chief Thomas Cahill. His first assignment was Ingleside Station, Followed by Northern,

then Richmond for a short time before going back to the "Big E." Ten years later, he was at Park Station for ten years. During this time he served as President of the POA and was a great President for the rank-and-file and understood what the guy on the street really needed if they were accused of some rule violation. He worked closely with attorney Jake Erlich, Who did a great job on all cases given him and at a cost of \$100 a month. Harry retired in 1970, but he stayed active with the Veteran Police Officers Association. It was guys like Harry and others that served as President of the POA and set up what we have today.

**JOHN W. DUBOSE**, 91 years. John was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Excelsior. He went to Balboa High School and served his country in the Navy. He worked as a Fireman before he entered the Police Academy in 1942 in the same class as Harry Bell and Tom Cahill. His first assignment was Ingleside Station. After a short time at Ingleside, he was off to Mission. He then went to Central for ten years, Richmond for one year, and back to Central. John made Sergeant and went to Northern where he remained until he retired in 1970. John was given several Captain's Comp's during his career, and a Silver Medal of Valor for the arrest of two armed suspects who just robbed a paint store.

**ERVIN "RED" MCKIBBIN**, 85 years. Red was born in Rochester, New York. His family moved to San Francisco when he was six years old. He lived in Bernal Heights, attended Mission High School and served his country in the Navy as a Seabee in the Pacific. Upon his discharge and return to San Francisco, he worked as a Teamster before he entered the Police Academy in 1956. His first assignment was Potrero for a year, then to Mission, Central, and back to Mission. He worked for a year on the Mounted Unit. He went to Richmond for his final 10 years of his Police career and retired in 1981.

**SUSPENSIONS:** Pursuant to Section

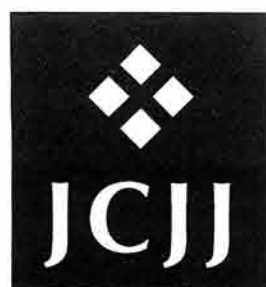
3 of Article DI of the Constitution (non-payment of dues for six months) Nick Bryant, Bert Filamor, Kimberly Overstreet, John Lagios and Thomas O'Malley. President Fontana ordered them suspended from all benefits. Pursuant to Section 4 of Article III of the Constitution (non-payment of dues for one year) Kim Mercer, Sean Brennan and Timothy Kiely. President Fontana ordered them stricken from the roles of membership. Pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of the by-laws. (Did not complete probationary period) Jonathan Celiberti, Carl Solla, Daniel Tong and James Young. President Fontana ordered them stricken from the membership roles.

**REPORT OF TUSTEES:** Wells Fargo Bank and our Investment Team of Shane Hiller, Pam Royer and Jerome Paolini gave us a report on the state of our account. The 1st quarter of the year was a train wreck for the stock market and investments. The Feds got into bailouts of financial institutions. No changes to our account, we will weather the storm and hopefully have better results by the end of the year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The following members have moved and we do not have their addresses. If your name is on the list, or you might know these members, call us at 415-681-3660. Marco Benassini, Douglas Foss, Charles Gale, Larry Garnett, Arthur Johnson, David Heikka, Jay Holle, Edward Nevin Jr., John Robinson, Clarence Smith, David Spencer, Charles Tedrow, and John Troche.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Fontana had a moment of silence for our departed members and also for all servicemen and women serving their Country. He set the next meeting for Tuesday, May 13, 2008 in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station at our new time of 1:45 PM. Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Fraternally,  
**Mark Hurley**,  
Secretary.



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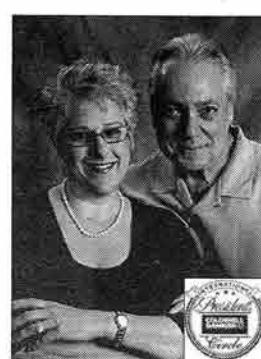
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# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

## ...10B Change:

Beginning with the March 4th payday 10B was no longer classified as overtime. The new pay status means we now pay Medicare on those monies, no longer pay the retirement contribution and will no longer be reported to the press as part of total compensation. Confused? Well it needs to be explained in much more detail than the announcement in A - Bulletin 08-072. One question asked recently was; "...is the City going to retroactively return to us the 7 or 7 1/2 % retirement contribution that was taken from the checks and are we going to be retroactively billed for Medicare?" Also are these Medicare contributions credited towards the "40 quarters" needed to qualify? Good questions...

## ...Depression:

I recently attended a Retirement System Conference at the Harvard Law School where the health of the world economy was discussed. The word "depression" was used by several of the presenters and there seemed to be a consensus that these woes are going to be around for sometime. A couple of points were made which bear repeating. First, **your home is where you live and is not an investment** and should never be treated as an ATM card. This statement was made in the discussions about changing financial laws to protect the primary dwelling and tax heavily speculators; in order to enable a greater percentage of the population to own a home. — The price of oil was discussed and the Europeans presenters (England, Netherlands, Germany and France) forecast

that gas prices will continue to rise and will not be surprised that they will hit \$5 a gallon by the end of the year in the US since they are already around \$8 a gallon in Europe. — Retiree **Steve Gillis** (Co. G) recently returned from London where he rented a "very small car" and it cost almost \$100 to fill the tank. — in the context of all the "bad news" I felt very grateful to live in the Bay Area and to work were I do...

## ...SF's Budget:

How bad are the City's budget woes? We really won't know until July 1st or shortly before that when all the numbers and budget politics play out. Should we prepare? You bet. One way is to start scaling back and try to **live about 10% percent below your means** if you have been overtime dependent to pay your bills. As overtime dries up hopefully 10B opportunities will be plentiful but don't bet on them. Just ask any of the Captains or above how your monthly budgeting changes when there is no overtime and you're expected to do the same job or more as expenses increase...

## ...DROP:

A little background on the DROP Plan. When this plan was first proposed discussions were being held with City leaders about the looming staffing crisis, the probability that there would be a future fiscal crisis and that preparation was needed. A variety of DROP plans were discussed such as an enabling DROP for all City Employees (Safety and Miscellaneous) which would be used on an as needed basis during periods of hiring freezes. Well, **Gary Delagnes** went out on a limb and placed the DROP Charter Amendment on the ballot via the initiative petition, after failing to get a legislator to place the issue before the voters. Was he right? With the recent announcements that the April recruit class has been delayed for at least one month and the probability that a class will be cancelled later in the year it's looking like Gary was really ahead of the curve on this one. Don't be surprised if the November ballot has a DROP for the rest of the City Employees. Remember the primary goal of DROP is to stabilize a workforce by having controlled turnover after achieving the desired staffing level...

## ...June Ballot:

Proposition B on the June Ballot is strongly endorsed by the POA. This proposition will standardize the retiree COLA at 2% compounded for Tier 2, basically bringing it as close to Tier one

as possible. The proposition also helps the miscellaneous employees by increasing their multiplier between ages 60 and 65 (not perfect-but something) and creates a separate investment trust fund which will pay for future retiree health care. This proposition is being watched carefully by several "Think Tanks" and if it passes it will be analyzed and tracked very intently. Why? Because if the new Trust Fund is as successful our Retirement System Trust Fund many jurisdictions will be copying it...

## ...Birth:

Investigations, **Shaughn** and **Alison Ryan** proudly welcomed their first child **Camden Patrick Ryan** 6 lbs 5 oz, 19 inches, on February 16, 2008. Mom, Dad and little one are doing great. Congrats to all. We wish you all the best...

## ...Family Picnics:

Both **Ingleside** and **Northern** Stations have announced that they will host family picnics this summer at Morton's Warm Springs in Sonoma for the members and alumni of their respective companies. I'm glad to see these efforts and hope that they are well supported. But I do wish that the Department would bring back the family picnic which was held at the Range. It's really nice to page through a photo album and see your children's joy as they sat on a police horse, motorcycle or drove the miniature police cars. Maybe our editor, **Ray Shine**, can pull some of the old Family Day Picnic photos and run a spread in a future edition. Who knows maybe someone will pickup the ball and organize a family picnic at the Range...

## ...Love of the Job:

Retired Inspector **Jack Cleary** was the guest speaker at the POA Medal of Valor Ceremony held on Thursday April 24. Though Jack has been retired 24 years he reminded all of us how

great this job is if you really appreciate that service to the public can be a very fulfilling and satisfying career. Jack closed his remarks by saying that if he were offered a chance to come back and drive a black and white he would because he truly loved the job...

## ...Torch Run:

The Torch Run was a challenge and we are happy that all worked out. Good Job — Solos, Lt. **Bob Armanino**, Sgt. **Bob Guinan** and Mayor **Gavin Newsom** for coming up with the last minute game plan while standing in front of the Hilton Hotel next to a bus full of torch bearers who had no place to go. — Another little tidbit which should be mentioned is the idea floated by Tactical K-9 Officer **Joe Garbayo** at the Asian Art Museum event. He suggested that we get a double decker bus, put a treadmill on the roof, park it with the Golden Gate Bridge in the background and let the runners carry the torch in safety...Interesting — could have worked...

## ...Only in SF:

Maybe or maybe not but the following sure is strange. General Work Inspector **Joe Barretta** came across an ad in the Chronicle's personals of a male looking for friends. The ad stated that he was in custody and gave his court number, jail address and bed assignment but failed to mention that he was awaiting trial for attempted murder. Joe sent the ad to Inspector **Jay Newman** who is handling the case as FYI. Jay's initial reaction was to wonder out loud "What is Barretta doing reading this part of the newspaper?" Then followed by asking how a guy in jail takes out an ad like this. Only in SF?...

Announcements, notices or tidbits can be e-mailed to [alfrmsf@aol.com](mailto:alfrmsf@aol.com), faxed to 552-5741, or mailed to **Around the Department**, 800 Bryant St., 2nd Floor, SF, CA 94103.

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# This & That...

By Kevin Martin

## Olympic Torch Run...

The Police Officers Association thanks and congratulates all officers and police supervisors (Sergeants; Inspectors; Lieutenants; Captains and Command Staff members) for the tremendous effort put forth on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 during the Olympic Torch Run held in San Francisco. Amid all the local, national, and worldwide attention drawn upon the friendly confines of "Sanctuary City" San Francisco, and given the prior demonstrations-turned-riots in London and Paris, the men and women in blue were up against great odds to pull off a peaceful and successful event. There were so many reasons that things could have easily gotten out of hand and go wrong, and the situation was a recipe for disaster. However, astute planning and outstanding execution by the Police Department afforded a wonderful success for a safe and peaceful torch run.

When all was said and done, only three arrests were made and I have not heard of any reported injuries to either citizens or officers.

The event was not without its controversy however. Critics cried foul when the reported route of the run was changed to avoid the thousands of people on both sides of the politically charged issue between China and Tibet. Indeed, thousands of people descended upon the areas of McCovey Cove, The Embarcadero, The Ferry Building, and Justin Hermann Plaza. There was a lot of yelling and screaming back and forth, and at one point a group of demonstrators surrounded a bus at Bryant and Main Streets and conducted a pathetic "die in." A squad of officers from Southern, with the assistance of Inspectors from the Auto Detail and a squad of motorcycle officers from the California Highway Patrol, formed a skirmish line and escorted eight people off the bus to the safety of waiting police cars, then they were quickly whisked away safely by members of the State Department and our own members from S.I.D.

I spoke with a reporter from KTVU shortly after the Olympic Torch was up in the air and on its way. Asked of my assessment, I said I thought the men and women of the San Francisco Police Department did an outstanding job throughout the day starting from the very early morning hours. I said that we were able to learn from the problems in Europe and that we were able to accomplish what the police in London and Paris were unable to do. After extolling the virtues of our efforts the reporter snidely asked wasn't it "cowardly" that the route of the Olympic Torch Run had been changed from its announced path. I told her I thought it was prudent that contingency plans had been made and later implemented in order to avoid mass hysteria. I added that it was only responsible and logical to have more than just one route planned and held to. (I really don't think it takes a genius to figure this stuff out sometimes but this line of work really stretches the imagination.)

After the interview ended, I realized that she was obviously disappointed that the event went off without a hitch. I think she was dismayed that thousands of people didn't engage in a raucous demonstration that quickly erupted into a violent riot. Could you imagine no "news at eleven" film foot-

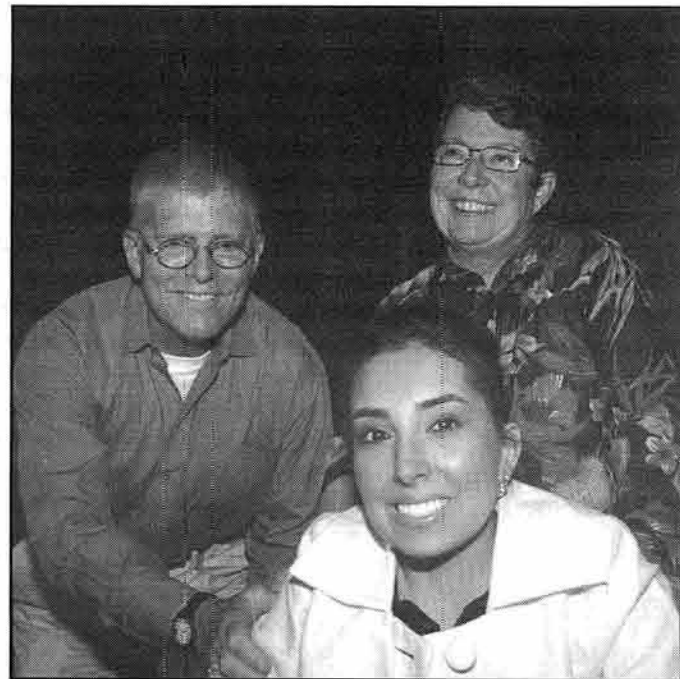
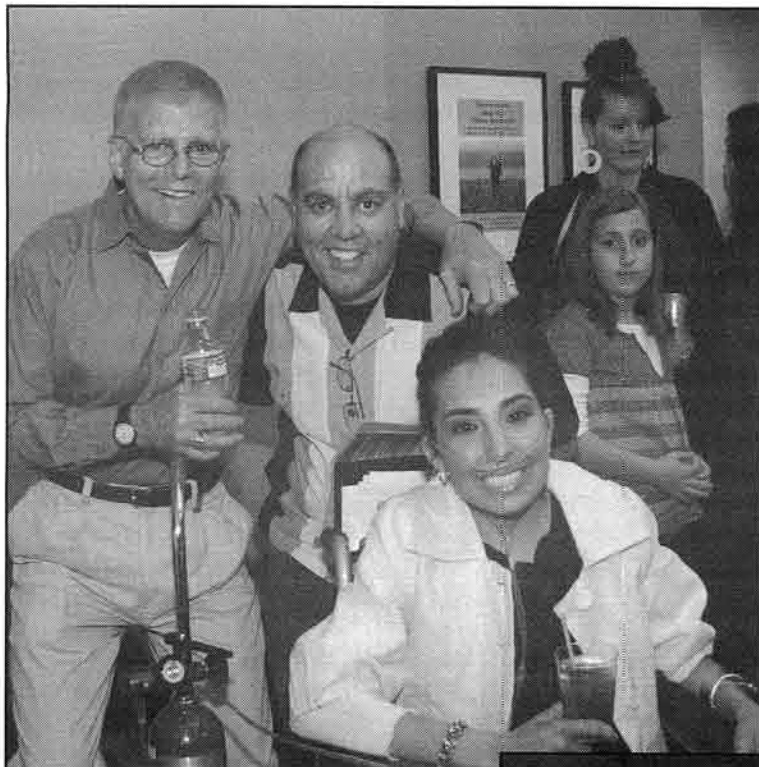
age of cops trying to break up riots throughout the city? You mean I can't report about any allegations that "the police overreacted" and that "things were going just great until the cop's showed up and then everything went to hell?"

Then I thought, "What about the poor disgruntled citizen who now won't have the opportunity to make the obligatory O.C.C. complaint from his or her lounge chair (reclined, of course) in front of the television watching the riots in living color because whatever the police were doing, they must be doing it wrong? Who will speak for these disenfranchised folks if not this disgruntled reporter?"

Anyway, we all know we did a great job and should be proud of doing so. San Francisco received worldwide recognition for the successful effort and a very large part of that is due to its outstanding Police Department.

## Gina Wood, a real princess!

Almost 150 people gathered at the P.O.A. Building on Friday, April 11, 2008 for the Gina Wood Fundraiser. Thanks to so many generous members of this department and association, along with the friends of the Wood Family and Gina in particular, the night was a tremendous success. Gina arrived at the P.O.A. with her family and caretakers close to seven o'clock and looked just beautiful...a real princess with a regal smile and royal personality.



So many great people were instrumental in putting on this event and the effort was led by Robert Canedo of the Airport Bureau who really took the bull by the horns and led the charge. Robert came to me a couple of months ago and told me of his plans for the fundraiser and he coordinated everything. Kudos to Robert for his big heart and his compassion. Special

thanks as well go to the following people for their outstanding talents, skills and generosity. Without you, it just couldn't be done.

First, thanks to each and everyone of you who bought raffle tickets for the event. Your generosity is simply overwhelming and the Wood Family is eternally grateful.

To Dave Falzon, Jennifer Forrester,

P.O.A. Airport Rep's Joe Finigan and Bob Chapman, Roger Peters, Mark Madsen, Chris Breen, Dave and Rose Smith, William Murray who handled the deejay duties and Mary Stasko (who ran the silent auction), thank you very, very much. Your kindnesses and generosity will not be forgotten anytime soon.

Thank you as well to Maria Oropeza, President of the Latino Police Officers Association, and Eddy Carew, President of the San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society, and their respective members for their very generous donations.

Special thanks to Vince Hogan, owner of "The Dubliner" at 3838 24th Street, and his family. Vince provided all the adult beverages for the evening's event. Vince tended bar as well, which you can imagine was no easy task. Vince, you're the best.

Special thanks as well go to our old friend Rodney Bastian who also provided beverages for the event. Rodney has been a great friend to the POA for





some time now and can always be counted on to come through. Rodney has also been very generous with his donations for our past Special Olympic events.

The focaccia was provided by the Soracco Family of the Liguria Bakery at 1700 Stockton Street (corner of Filbert). The focaccia from the Soraccos is absolutely the best in San Francisco, if not the west coast. Thanks to all the Soracco Family members for their kindness.

The great food for the evening was presented by Arguello Super and our good friend, Sal Qaquendo from 782 Arguello in the Richmond where they make the world's best roast turkey sandwiches. Sal your sandwiches, salads and desserts were just outstanding. Thanks for your continued friendship and generosity.

#### UCSF...A Special Visit...

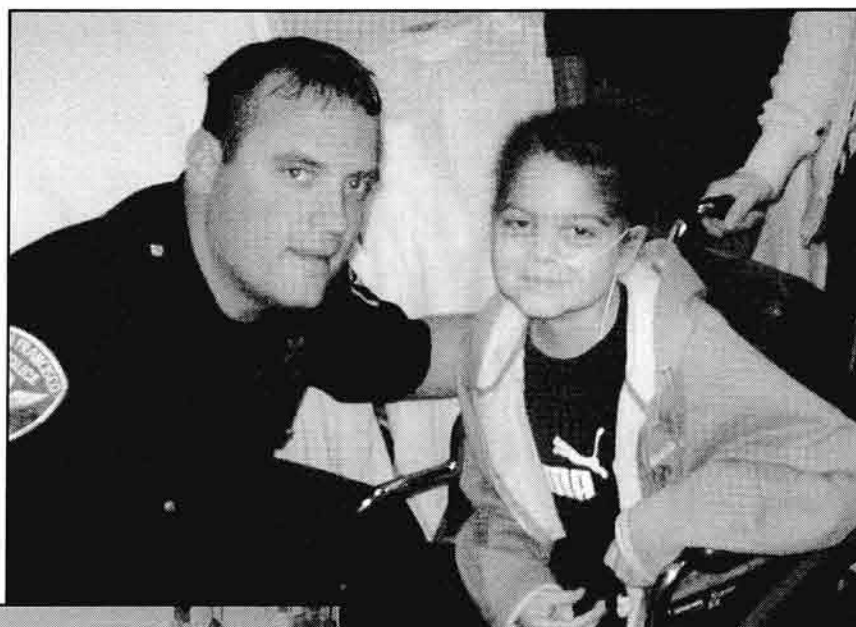
As most of you know, the POA makes a visit to UCSF's Child Life Center on the second Wednesday of each month. Because the Olympic Torch Run was also being held on the second Wednesday, we had to postpone our monthly visit. That didn't stop a couple of real good guys from Northern Station from making a visit to the hospital this month anyway. On Tuesday, April 8th, UCSF held its annual "Sibling Day" when brothers and sisters of infirmed children get a special day to visit and play with each other. Officers Matt Lobre and William Conley spent a few hours with the sick children and their siblings playing games, painting faces of kids and having a great time. The kids loved having Matt and William

with them as they really brightened up their day. Thanks very much to Matt and William for representing our department and association in a very positive way. William is no stranger to UCSF as he and his band of merry men from Northern Station spend a day each year near Christmas visiting the sick kids confined to the hospital and delivering them special Christmas gifts.

#### Police Communications...

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week was celebrated from April 13 through April 19, 2008. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Department of Emergency Management for their very dedicated but all too often unrecognized outstanding efforts as police dispatchers. I often refer to you wonderful folks as "our lifeline on the frontline." I know that it takes a very special person to perform your duties and on behalf of the Police Officers Association, I am grateful for all you do for us. Although I must admit I still miss you guys being at "The Hall," I know your professionalism and dedication stands strong. There are many members in this department who have or have had members of their families working in the capacity of a police dispatcher. We also recognize those dispatchers who have or have had members of their families in the police department or other law enforcement agencies.

Congratulations to you all and please keep up the great work you do day in and day out. And Sandy ... Thank you kindly!



#### Reminder...

Please plan to attend the Living Trust Seminar at the P.O.A. Building on Wednesday, May 7th at 1000, 1400, 1700 and 2000 hours. Mr. Alan Reiss of United Estate Planning/ Estate Planning Advisors will be offering his services to our general membership and will be conducting a Living Trust Seminar. Each session will last approximately 45 minutes and afterwards, Mr. Reiss will address any questions or inquiries you may have.

#### In Memoriam...

This association mourns the loss of Lawrence E. Kelly who passed away on April 12th, 2008. Lawrence retired from the S.F.P.D. as a Sgt./Inspector after thirty years of dedicated service to the City and County of San Francisco and her citizens. Lawrence Kelly was also the father of Inspector Michael Kelly of the General Work Detail, and James "Jimmy" Kelly of the Burglary Detail who followed the footsteps of their father not only into the department but into The Bureau as well.

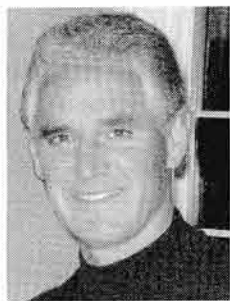
On behalf of Gary Delagnes, The Executive Board, Board of Directors and entire membership of the S.F.P.O.A., I extend our deepest sympathies and condolences. Michael and Jimmy, may your dear father rest in peace.

The POA will soon be launching its new web site. A dynamic aspect of the new site will be the ability to hold on-line elections. Members need to provide us with their email address, or update us if yours has changed.

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# Isaac Espinoza Memorial

By Kevin Martin

On Thursday, April 10, 2008 members of the San Francisco Police Department were joined by the Espinoza Family along with several friends and loved ones to gather as one to remember our fallen brother, Isaac Espinoza. This date marked the fourth anniversary of the tragic loss of Isaac and the attempted murder of Officer Barry Parker, Isaac's partner on that fateful Saturday night. The ceremony was held at Bayview Station near the Isaac Espinoza Memorial Garden.

Captain John Loftus, Commanding Officer of Bayview Station presided over the ceremony. The Captain spoke honorably and respectfully of Isaac and reminded us all of the special dedication it takes to be a police officer. The Captain spoke eloquently and delivered comforting words.

Police Chaplain Father Cameron Ayers of St. Agnes Church in the Park Police District followed Captain Loftus and addressed the crowd. Officer Barry Parker, who read a passage from the Bible, followed Father Ayers.

Isaac's mother Carol spoke thoughtfully and lovingly of her lost son and how she still misses him terribly to this day.

Isaac's sister Regina then read a poem to the gathering titled, "Saint Michael's Boy's" which can be read at the end of this story.

Police Communications then went out on an "all broadcast" and reminded the officers in the field that this was the fourth anniversary of the death of Isaac Espinoza and to please observe a moment of silence as police cars and foot beats throughout the city stopped and gave pause. Lights and sirens were momentarily affected to punctuate the moment.

The ceremony was then concluded as Officer Mark Lundin honored Isaac with the playing of "Taps".

A very special thanks to all who attended this memorial service dedicated to a man who was not only a police officer but a husband, father, son, brother, nephew, cousin and friend. I especially want to thank Father Cameron Ayers for his time and thought lifting words, raising our spirits and giving us strength. Barry Parker as always was poignant, reassuring and inspirational. Thanks also to Captain John Loftus for overseeing the ceremony.

The following is a copy of the poem read by Regina Espinoza. My apologies as to date. I do not know the writer's name.

## Saint Michael's Boys

Not long ago, the struggle between Good and Evil erupted, again, into war.

The devil threw his forces against the very Gates of Heaven, themselves. His attack beaten back, he withdrew and called for a meeting with God.

And Satan began...

"Who were those men who stood their ground,  
When they were just a thousand few?  
And when Gabriel's Army is clad in gold,  
Why did they all wear blue?"

"They were outnumbered ten to one  
And should have run like new born foals,  
But when they showed no fear I realized,  
That you'd used men who have no souls.

"And there at last I have you,  
Through all your boasts you've lied'  
So no more claims of righteousness  
And behind no more commandments hide

"You've cheated and you've robbed me,  
These men they are my proof,  
The soul-less can't be yours in heaven,  
But mine in hell, beneath my roof."

God listened, then replied...

"My poor misguided child  
Can't you see the error of your ways?  
Those men just stood against you, now,  
As they did in mortal days,

"I knew they wouldn't turn and run,  
For they've seen your worst before,  
And that is why I placed them there,  
To keep safe and guard my door.

"As for those battered coats of blue,  
They're worn with such fierce pride  
That if I ordered them to change,  
Then even I might be defied.

"Ye, you believe they have no souls,  
When their souls are why they're here,  
For in life each took an oath they kept  
Although the price was steep and dear,

"Even tempted by the face of death  
Their hearts did cowardice decline,  
You see, they never could be yours,  
As they were then and always mine.

"And it's strange that you do not know them,  
Since you've sent me every one,  
Each time your murderers and thieves  
Killed a policeman's father's son.

"With tear stained eyes I greet them all,  
Cut too soon from their families' joys,  
So send me all your soldiers of hell  
And they'll meet Saint Michael's Boys."

May God Bless and protect us all...

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## Overview of 3-day conference

# 2008 Police Union Leadership Seminar Well Attended

### Journal Staff Report

During the weekend of April 11 through 13, 2008, representatives from some of the largest police unions in the US and Canada converged on the Harvard campus to discuss a variety of current issues common to law enforcement. This important series of lectures and workshops was jointly hosted by American Police Beat (APB) magazine and the Harvard Law School Labor and Worklife Program (LWP). Ms. Cynthia Brown, Publisher and Editor of APB, has hosted the series for several years. Her co-host, Dr. Elaine Bernard, is the Executive Director of (LWP). The busy agenda included lectures by former presidential advisor David Gergen, Media strategist Marty Linsky, political consultant Geoffrey Garfield, law enforcement advocate Craig Floyd, Boston Police Patrolman's Association president Thomas Nee, and economics professor Richard B. Freeman.

While not all of the invited unions were in attendance, those present represented police officers or deputies from Honolulu, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Austin, Houston, Albuquerque, Detroit, Philadelphia, Las Vegas, Oklahoma City, Fort Worth, Dade County (Miami), Arlington, Atlanta, El Paso, Indianapolis, Mesa, Jacksonville, and Minneapolis.

California was well represented by union leaders from Fresno, Long Beach, San Jose, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Francisco.

Canadian police union leaders represented organizations in Toronto, the Province of Ontario, and the Canadian National Police Association.

These seminars are popular with the besieged leaders of this nation's police labor groups. The lecture topics and robust discussions that follow allow these labor folks to gain insights on trends and developing issues that are common to all. The leaders find as much value in developing colleague networks as they do in the professional presentations.

This year's agenda included presentations on the following topics:

- Illegal immigration and its impact on municipal policing.
- Qualities of leadership.
- Resourcing effective police association leadership
- Media strategies for effective police unions
- Ethics
- Civilianization and privatization of police services
- The increasing violence on members of law enforcement
- Trends in health care for union members
- Race and its impact on law enforcement
- Political activism

These issues are not constrained by national borders. The attendees learned early on that the problems common to US unions and associations are just as prevalent in Canadian organizations. It was also alarming to hear that Mexican border towns and cities are facing levels of discord and violence that directly and adversely

impact the police departments on the US side of the border.

Among the most common and immediate problems facing many of the departments represented at the workshop are:

- Significant and often dire staffing shortages.
- Recruitment and retention struggles.
- Fiscal crisis in municipal budgets due to mortgage crisis
- Stalled MOU negotiations and requested give-backs
- Civilianization and "techno-ization" of traditional police tasks.
- Runaway or grandstanding civilian oversight
- Political backhanding of police unions by civic and elected leaders.
- Inept or corrupt police/sheriff leaders.
- Escalating levels of violence against street cops and deputies.



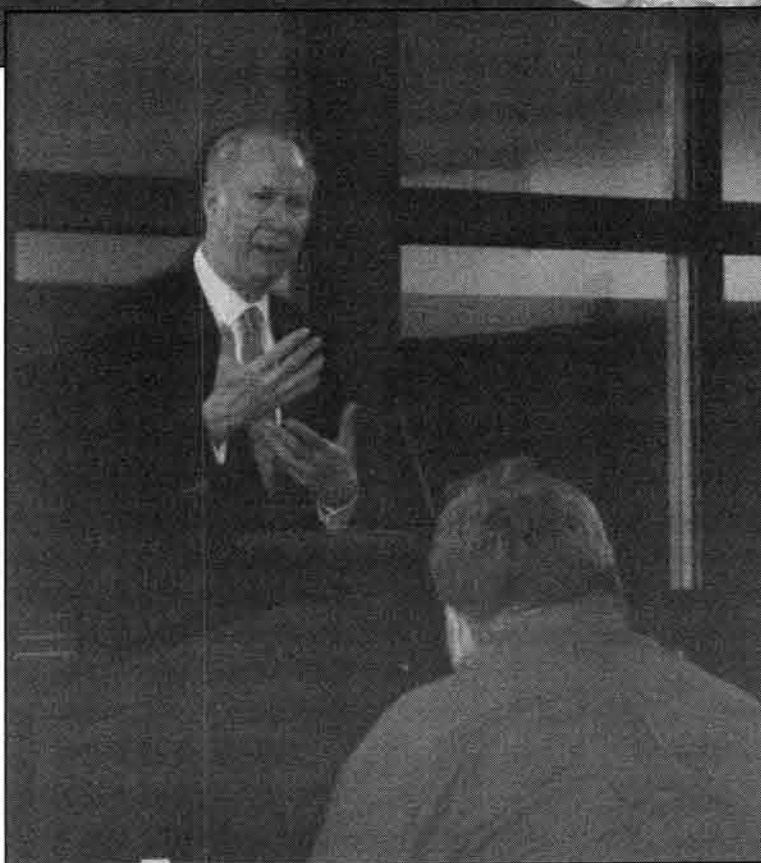
APB Publisher/Editor Cynthia Brown



The union reps from across the US and Canada gather in a facility at Radcliff College.

Some of these issues will be discussed at length in the next few issues of the *POA Journal*. A list of resources will also be posted on our web site, with links to sites that offer focused insight about one issue or another. Until then, a place to learn about these issues and other trends is to visit the websites of the two co-hosting entities of the annual conference. They are:

- American Police Beat  
[www.apbweb.com](http://www.apbweb.com)
- The Harvard Law School Labor and Worklife Program  
[www.law.harvard.edu/programs/lwp](http://www.law.harvard.edu/programs/lwp)



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32nd Annual

California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY MAY 8, 2008		FRIDAY MAY 9, 2008	
➤ CPOMF LOGISTICS MEETING	8:00 — 10:00 A.M.	➤ BUFFET BREAKFAST	7:00 — 8:00 A.M.
SHERATON GRAND — <i>Camellia/Gardenia Rooms</i>		SHERATON GRAND — <i>Camellia/Gardenia Rooms</i>	
Final briefing prior to ceremony activities for CPOMF Board of Directors, advisors, key logistic personnel, and participating officers who wish to attend.		A buffet breakfast is provided for honored families, past survivors, participating and attending officers. Sponsored by the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation.	
➤ SURVIVORS' RECEPTION	2:00 — 3:30 P.M.	➤ LAW ENFORCEMENT CARAVAN	7:30 A.M.
SHERATON GRAND — <i>Camellia/Gardenia Rooms</i>		CHP ACADEMY — <i>West Sacramento</i>	
This time is set aside to give honored families, past-year survivors, and co-workers the opportunity to interact with each other, as well as members from Concerns of Police Survivors and representatives from the law enforcement chaplaincy. A great opportunity to extend encouragement and support to one another.		Staging for the Memorial Caravan begin at 0730 hours at the CHP Academy, 3500 Reed Avenue, West Sacramento, departing the Academy at 0900 hours sharp. The procession travels through West Sacramento, concluding on 10th Street, at the Memorial Monument.	
➤ PRACTICE SESSION FOR PARTICIPATING OFFICERS	2:00 — 5:00 P.M.	➤ HONORED FAMILIES PRIVATE CEREMONY	9:00 — 10:30 A.M.
MEMORIAL MONUMENT — <i>10th Street &amp; Capitol Mall</i>		STATE CAPITOL — <i>Senate Hearing Room 4203</i>	
Mandatory participation required for all officers involved in ceremony activities.		Private ceremony with state representatives for honored families, their agency escorts, and department heads.	
➤ BUFFET DINNER	6:00 — 7:30 P.M.	➤ ENROLLMENT CEREMONY	10:30 A.M. — 12:30 P.M.
SHERATON GRAND — <i>Camellia/Gardenia Rooms</i>		MEMORIAL MONUMENT— <i>10th Street &amp; Capitol Mall</i>	
All honored families, past survivors, as well as participating and attending officers are invited to a buffet dinner sponsored by the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation.		Formal ceremony begins with the 'Walk of Honor' from the State Capitol to the Memorial Monument. Presentations by state representatives, CPOMF's President, and a departmental keynote speaker. Ceremony concludes with a 21-gun salute, taps, and retiring of the colors.	
➤ CANDLIGHT VIGIL	8:30 — 9:30 P.M.	➤ LUNCHEON	12:30 — 3:00 P.M.
MEMORIAL MONUMENT — <i>10th Street &amp; Capitol Mall</i>		Immediately following the outdoor ceremony, lunch is provided for honored families, participating and attending officers, and past survivors directly across from the memorial monument on the Capitol lawn.	
With welcoming comments from the CPOMF President, remarks from departmental and past survivor representatives, a Roll Call of Heroes, as well as music and prayer.			

Fallen officers for 2007:

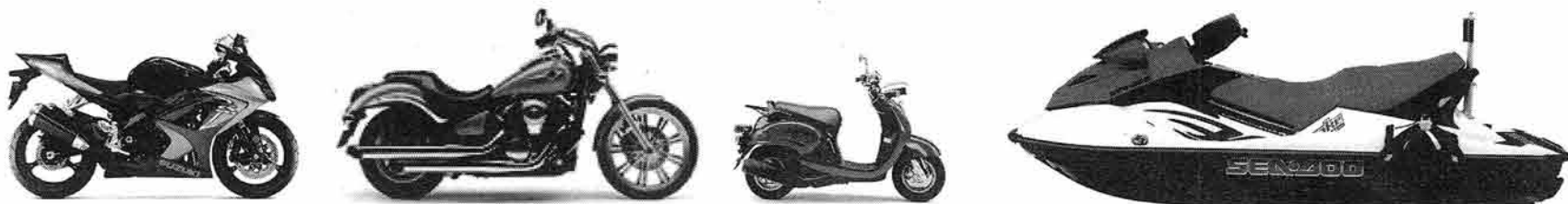
- Dep. Manuel Villegas  
Riverside County S.D., March 19, 2007
  - Ofc. Robert W. Winget  
Ripon P.D., April 10, 2007
  - Dep. Raul V. Gama  
Los Angeles County S.D., May 1, 2007
- Ofc. Douglas Scott Russell  
CHP — Placerville, July 31, 2007
  - Ofc. Robert F. Dickey  
CHP — Winterhaven, June 10, 2007
  - Ofc. Sergio Carrera Jr.  
Rialto P.D., October 18, 2007
- Ofc. John P. Miller  
CHP — Dublin Area, November 16, 2007
  - Det. Kent Haws  
Tulare County S.D., December 17, 2007
  - Det. Vu Nguyen  
Sacramento County S.D., December 19, 2007



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# Automated Biometric Identification System Update

By Gerry Schmidt

A two-hour public meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 2, 2008 to provide an update on the status of the department's Automated Biometric Identification System (ABIS) technologies. Everyone with an interest in this exciting new technology is invited to attend including:

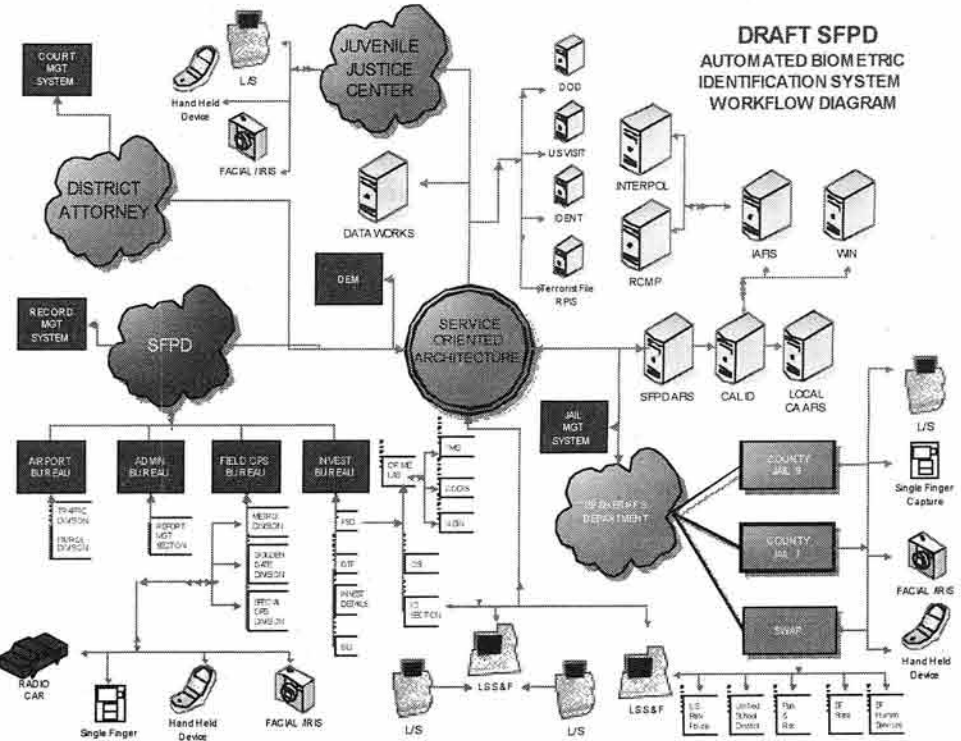
- Members of the San Francisco Police Department
- Members of the San Francisco Sheriffs Department
- Users of Live Scan and Mugshot systems throughout San Francisco (CCSF)
- Interested parties

The meeting will consist of formal presentations followed by a question and answer period open to all attendees. Presentations will include:

1. Progress that has been made between December 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 regarding:
  - a. Staffing enhancements
  - b. Equipment acquisitions
  - c. Equipment installations
2. Status of department's ABIS Request for Information (RFI) including:
  - a. Vendor response(s) to the RFI
  - b. Project approval by the Committee on Information Technology (COIT)
3. Long-range plans including:
  - a. A new and combined Forensic Services Division (FSD) / Medical Examiner's facility
  - b. ABIS interoperability designed to increase:
    - i. Officer safety
    - ii. Performance
4. Volunteer ABIS committee opportunities for those interested in learning more about ABIS and becoming involved

Feedback, suggestions and constructive criticism from individual officers, deputies, counselors and all other interested parties is always vital to the success of any future ABIS project.

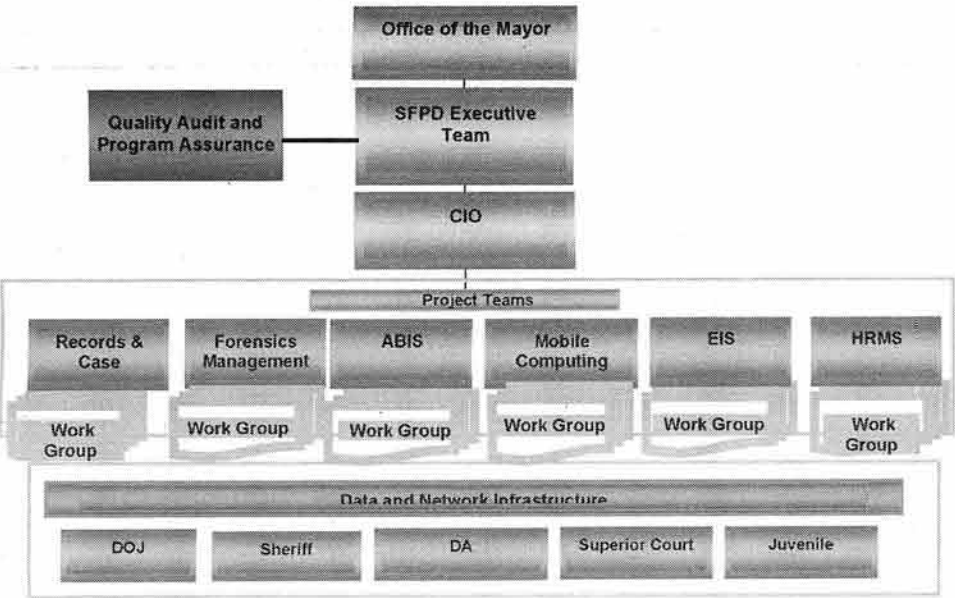
As part of the department's Strategic Technology Program, a Request for Information was distributed in early February to the ABIS vendor community. The response has yielded not only a huge amount of data and information upon which to design a possible new ABIS, but confidence that the first competitive bid for new technology in over twenty-five years would yield state-of-the-art technology at an extremely competitive price.



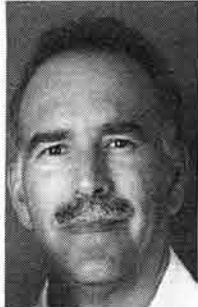
Preliminary ABIS Workflow

The preliminary vision for a new ABIS incorporates hand-held (mobile) fingerprint devices, single-finger capture devices at all district stations and booking/detention facilities as well as integration with local, regional, statewide and international systems.

**Come and help us plan for the future!**  
**Automated Biometric Identification System Update**  
**Monday, June 2, 2008**  
**10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon**  
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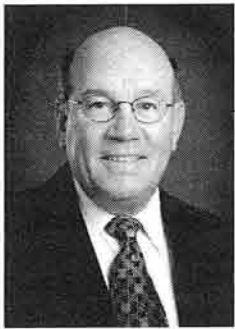
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# Joe Tanko

By Kevin Mullen, Deputy Chief  
Retired

San Francisco police detectives were following up on a report that Theodore "Creepy" Wilson and a gang of small-time thuggish friends had robbed Harry and Marguerite Turney at a drinking party a few nights earlier. On the morning of November 13, 1926, Detective Sergeants Earl Roney and Vernon Van Matre went to the basement flat at 1378 McAllister Street where Wilson was reputed to be living.

The officers didn't expect any particular trouble from their man, but because other members of his "gang" were thought to be present, they took along two other detectives as back-ups: Jack Palmer and Edward McSheehy. The officers had no way to know it, but soon Detective Roney would be fighting for his life with a bullet in his abdomen and the subject of one of the largest manhunts in the state's recent history would lay dead on the floor, brought down in a pistol exchange with the detective.

The string of events leading to that fateful morning had begun three years earlier. On September 18, 1923, San Bruno Police Chief Arthur Meehan, 30, received a report that an automobile had crashed through a railroad crossing bar on the Bay Shore road. Chief Meehan responded to the call himself on the department motorcycle. The Chief went to the scene where he saw the suspect vehicle departing. He gave chase, and as he pulled abreast of the vehicle in front of the San Bruno City Hall, the driver forced his bike into the nearby ditch.

As the officer lay tangled up in his fallen motorcycle, the passenger exited the auto and shot the downed officer several times. Before he passed out, Meehan was able to get off several rounds himself, one of which went through the vehicle's windshield,

damaging the steering wheel.

As was the custom in those days — when frontier practices and attitudes were still fresh in mind — "posses of armed citizens of San Bruno and South San Francisco searched rooming houses and the railroad yards for the fugitives." But the killers somehow slipped away. Two days later the Chief died at Mills Memorial Hospital.

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The auto, which had been rented the day before the shooting at a rental agency on Jessie Street in San Francisco by a man who gave the name of Joseph Murphy, was found abandoned with a gunshot through the windshield. Murphy turned out to be a fictitious name. In early October, the perpetrators were traced through a letter produced by a South San Francisco man named Frank Tanko from his half-brother Joe. In the letter, Joe Tanko, 24, bragged that he had committed a number of robberies, and that he and his pal, Floyd Hall, had killed Chief Meehan.

The suspects were quickly arrested in Los Angeles and openly admitted

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that they had shot the officer. Because they confessed, they avoided the death penalty and were sentenced to life terms at San Quentin. On their way to the lock-up, the culprits tried to seize the weapon of the transporting officer, Sheriff T.C. McGovern, but he was able to recover his weapon and deliver them safely to the prison.

A year later, on April 7, 1925, the convicts escaped together from San Quentin by picking a lock and sliding down the wall on a jute rope. Shortly thereafter, the escapees were spotted on a road near Petaluma. A posse gave pursuit but lost their quarry. Over the next several days, posses of armed police officers and citizens searched for the bandits all over the North Bay.

The duo was reported to have burglarized a store in Petaluma for clothing and the next day one in Healdsburg, where they obtained weapons and ammunition. On April 12, the two fugitives carjacked a Santa Rosa rancher who they threw out of the car near Novato. The auto was found

abandoned the next day near Davis which shifted the locus of the search to the Sacramento Valley.

On the 14th, they held up a taxi driver in Sacramento and escaped after an exchange of gunfire with Sacramento police. On April 18, Harry J. Litzberg was killed by two men thought to be the fugitives during the robbery of his Sacramento store. Armed posses searched the swamps and river banks around Sacramento. On the 21st two holdups and carjackings in Sacramento were attributed to the two escapees.

Two days later, the wanted killers carjacked a man named F.R. Harlow and his four year-old daughter at 17th and Q streets in Sacramento, and forced him at gunpoint to drive them away. A small boy saw the crime and notified police officer Clyde Nunn who commandeered an automobile and took off after the robbers. As the officer's car pulled abreast of the fleeing vehicle, Tanko fired into the car, hitting Officer Nunn. The fugitives drove on with the man and his daughter until the car ran out of gas, and then they fled then on foot. A massive manhunt was organized but somehow the wanted men managed to avoid capture.

It was almost a month later, on May 15, that Hall was arrested in a Sacramento rooming house by local police. It seems that Hall, who had split up with Tanko so as to call less attention to themselves as a pair, encountered a friend from San Quentin on the street and asked for his help. The friend put him up in a rooming house where Hall was told to sleep under the bed so he wouldn't call attention to his presence.

The \$1000 reward offered for the arrest of the killers of Litzberg and the shooters of Officer Nunn proved too attractive, however, and the friend tipped off the police to Hall's whereabouts.

The focus of the search for Tanko soon switched to San Francisco. As in any major case, tips flooded in. Witnesses say they saw him on train to Oakland. He was also supposedly spotted on Montgomery and Market and at the Particular Lunch counter near Polk and Bush. Chief Daniel O'Brien issued orders to the district captains. "Tanko is believed to be in San Francisco. Order every patrolman to be on guard and to shoot to kill at the first sign of trouble," the Chief commanded.

On May 18, it was reported that



The death house at 1378 McAllister. The ambulance obscures the entrance to the alley leading to the basement apartment.



Tanko carjacked another driver, Chester Buntley at 3rd Avenue and Lincoln Way, and forced him at gunpoint to drive downtown. When they ran into a traffic jam at Kearny and Broadway, the man jumped out of the car and disappeared into North Beach. Buntley drove to Central Station a few blocks away at 641 Washington Street where he identified Tanko as his kidnapper from photographs, and the fact that his abductor had an Italian accent.

On the 24th, Chief O'Brien received a post card, presumably from Tanko, claiming that he was heading south to dispose of his half-brother Frank who had assisted police with their prosecution for the murder of Chief Meehan.

In fact, Tanko was probably nowhere near San Francisco at the time. It later turned out that Tanko, after separating from Hall, hid out for several days in a Chinese den in Sacramento before heading for Colorado where he had lived previously and had spent time in the reformatory. In Colorado, he later told criminal accomplices, he sustained himself by robbery.

But for some unexplained reason, Tanko did return to San Francisco in late 1926. Perhaps on some level he wanted to be caught, for he was well known on sight to city detectives from the months he had spent in city prison awaiting trial for the killing of Chief Meehan. He holed up at "Creepy" Wilson's place on McAllister Street where he spent his time playing penny-ante poker and going out at night to attend the movies.

The excitement level was high in the city at the time because just a month earlier Buck Kelly and his fellow "Terror Bandits" had terrorized the city with a two-day drive-by murder spree which left four men dead and more than a dozen wounded. Tanko is reported to have told his fellow roomers on McAllister Street that he disapproved of such senseless killing.

When the officers arrived at 1378 McAllister on the morning of November 13, 1926, they had no idea what was in store for them. Detective McSheehy took the rear of the building; Detective Palmer positioned himself in front of the alley entrance to the apartment on the west side of the building; and Detective Sergeant Van Matre took the adjacent window, the only visual aperture into the apartment. Detective Sergeant Roney placed himself in the upper hallway of building, at the door leading up from the basement apartment.

When Detective Sergeant Van Matre eased up the window, he observed Willie DeBardelaben, a member of "Creepy" Wilson's gang, lying on a bed. The officer ordered DeBardelaben, who was known to him, to raise his hands and step away from the bed. DeBardelaben made to comply but then halted, saying that someone was holding a gun on him. Van Matre climbed in through the window and was halfway over the sill when he was shot in the groin by Tanko who was lying in the bed, out of Van Matre's line of sight.

Tanko broke for the only exit available to him, the stairway to the upper floor. Detective Sergeant Roney heard the shot below and he was ready when Tanko rushed up the stairs. As the bandit came through the door, gun in hand, Roney ordered him to surrender. Big mistake. Without a word Tanko fired on the officer striking him in the abdomen. (Chief O'Brien's dictum to shoot first and ask questions later would seem to have been justified by events.)

Roney returned fire, hitting Tanko five times, and sending him sprawling backwards down the stairs. Roney had been so close to Tanko when he fired that Tanko's clothing was set afire. When news of the shooting — and that Tanko had been involved — got out, crowds assembled outside the McAllister Street address. Over the next several days, 10,000 interested citizens, Sacramento Officer Nunn among them, lined up and wended their way through the Coroner's Office — in the quaint custom of the time — to view the dead bandit. Many commented that he didn't look as large as they had expected.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* took the opportunity to editorialize about "the helpless desperation of the law, reports of various crime commissions, [and] the maudlin viciousness of pacifism in the war on criminals" as all dramatized by Tanko affair. "Through a quirk in the law," the paper opined, "a concession to mawkish sentimentality, the murderers' confession saved their worthless lives. If they had been hanged the first time it would have saved everyone a great deal of trouble." And three officers, we might add, would not have been shot.

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For himself, Tanko, whose family was otherwise respectable, is reported to have blamed his criminalization on the associations he made in a Colorado reformatory where he spent time for a minor infraction brought about by want. One suspects that today's *Chronicle* would be more inclined to agree with Tanko's analysis of the situation than it's own of 85 years ago.

Detectives Roney and Van Matre were feted as heroes in the city, and honored by the Board of Supervisors. Both officers recovered from their wounds and returned to duty, later retiring for service. Sacramento Officer Nunn returned to duty as well but was retired 1940 from complications from injuries incurred in his shooting.

Floyd Hall was acquitted for the shooting of Officer Clyde Nunn in a Sacramento court — to the cheers of scores of female groupies who had attached themselves to him during the trial. He was later tried for the murder of Sacramento storekeeper Litzberg as well. After two trials and a judicial intervention, the charges were dismissed. Hall was sent to Folsom Prison to serve out the rest of his life sentence for the murder of Chief Meehan.

*Retired deputy chief Kevin J. Mullen has written several books on the city's criminal justice history. As he proceeds with this effort, he solicits input from anyone with any knowledge of the Chinatown Squad's history, in its historic form, or more recently, in its modern incarnation as a section of the Gang Task Force. Mullen can be reached at (415) 883-0217 or KM870@aol.com. Comments and criticism are welcome.*

## Retirements

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Officer Richard T. Andrews #800 from Support Services, Property Section



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**Date and Time:** Tuesday, May 27th;  
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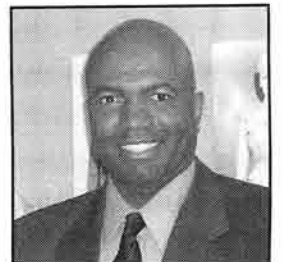
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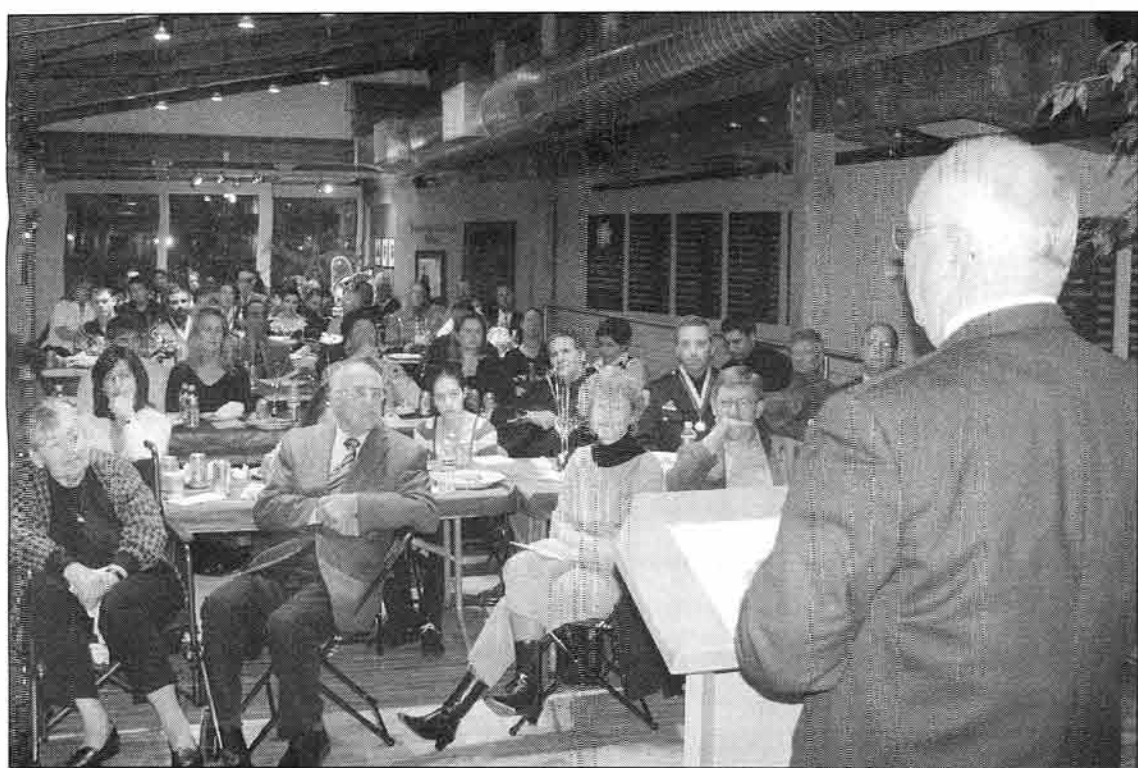
## Special Guest Speaker, Retired SFPD Inspector Jack Cleary

### Thursday, April 24, 2008

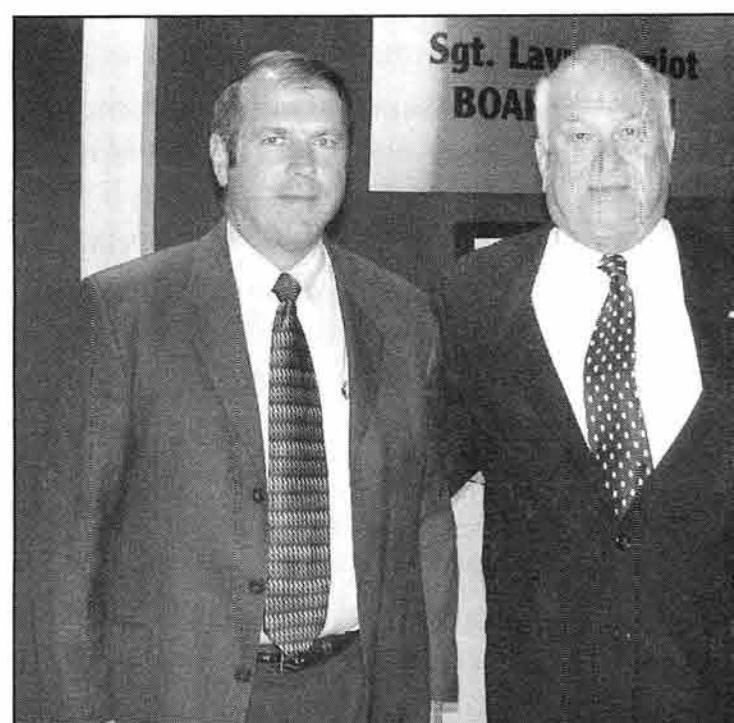


*Captain Daniel McDonagh, Gregory Buhagiar, Arshad Razzak, and Matthew Cole*

*Captain Daniel McDonagh, Officer Arshad Razzak, Officer Gregory Buhagiar, and Officer Matthew Cole responded to a call of a shooting at the Metreon Theatre on November 11, 2007. The victim, who later expired, had been shot numerous times by a 15-year old suspect. Captain McDonagh located the suspect and followed him for several blocks until the other officers arrived at which time they placed him under arrest.*



*Retired Inspector Jack Cleary addresses the guests.*



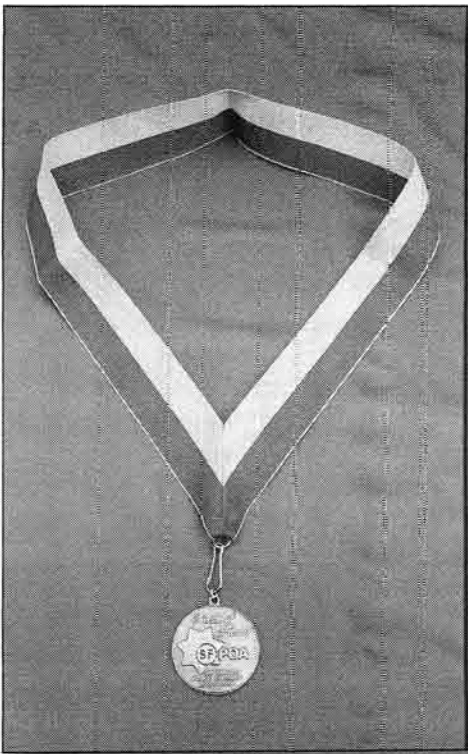
*Lieutenant Jim Spillane, retired Inspector Jack Cleary, and Ca...*



*Joshua Olson and Captain Al Casciato*

*It was January 27, 2008, when Officer Joshua Olson responded as a back-up to another officer in the area of Van Ness and Lombard who had encountered an extremely belligerent and resistive individual. When Officer Olson arrived he was immediately set upon by the suspect who was now armed with a large knife. The suspect refused to obey Officer Olson's directives to drop the weapon and, instead, charged him, leaving the officer no choice but to shoot the suspect.*



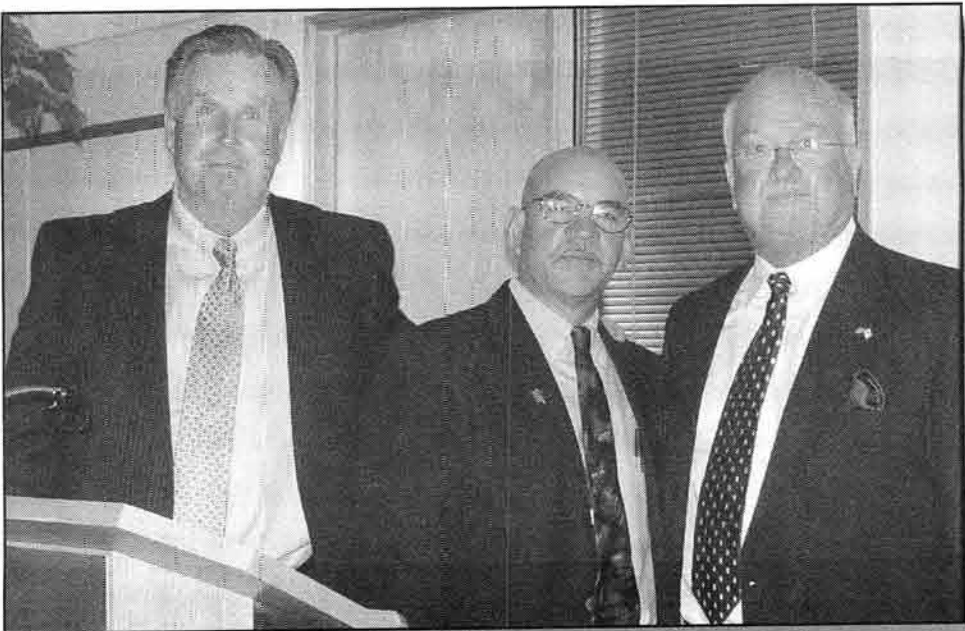


Gerald Lyons, Reginald Scott, Jason Kirchner, and Captain Al Pardini

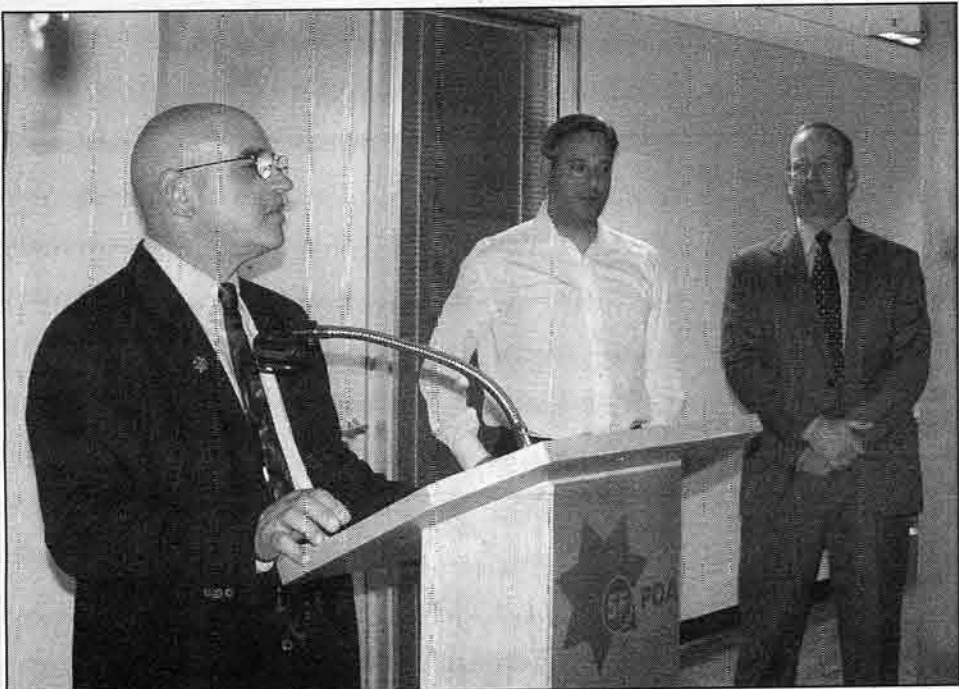
*On August 20, 2007, Officer Reggie Scott, Officer Jason Kirchner, and Officer Jerry Lyons, while working as a plainclothes unit, observed a vehicle with no license plates. As the officers followed the vehicle the car suddenly sped up and tried to lose them. The car stopped a few blocks away and, as the officers approached the occupants, they came out of the car armed with a machine gun loaded with an extended clip. The officers were fully exposed to an immediate assault by the suspects until Officer Scott fired two rounds in the direction of the armed men. The suspects then discarded the machine gun and ran from the area. They were later arrested after an extensive investigation. (There was another SKS assault rifle with a loaded 40-round magazine that was left in the abandoned car.)*



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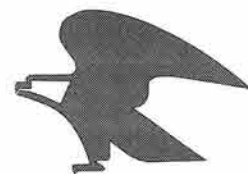
Master of Ceremonies Kevin Martin, Erik Whitney, and Captain John Loftus

*On October 17, 2007, Officer Erik Whitney prevented an extremely distraught 8-year old from jumping over a guard rail into oncoming traffic on the U.S. 101 freeway. The situation remained extremely tense for several minutes until Officer Whitney seized his opportunity to pull the young man from danger.*





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Isaac and Carol Espinoza,  
Parents

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Once again, thank you for everything.

Tony Montoya & Family

Dear Friends at the POA —

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Sincerely,  
Christopher Heidohrn

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Dear Marty—

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Jody Kato, SFPOA Board member and Lindsey Suslow, POA committee member, were at the POA table for the event.

Again, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Captain Paul Chignell  
Commanding Officer  
Taraval Police Station

Dear Mr. Delagnes and Members of the SF Police Officers Association—

We would like to thank you for your donation to our block party (on La Playa Street between Irving and Judah) in the Outer Sunset District.

Your donation helped us commemorate the revitalization efforts of our community out at Ocean Beach and Judah. In the past few years, we, as a neighborhood, have come together through community meetings that eventually flowered into a full-fledge coalition, including Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, Assemblyman Leland Yee and Captain of Taraval Station, Keith Sanford. We now have over 150 members and have become a model for other communities. Our neighborhood was riddled with crime, homelessness, graffiti, trash and abandoned cars/motor homes, but the group has categorically addressed each issue and begun the process of changing the community. Since we organized we have built a community park where there was previously an abandoned lot with broken booze bottles and needles. The park has gathered a lot of local press and was celebrated with plaques from Assemblywoman Ma and Assemblyman Yee.

We look forward to next year's block party and once again celebrating our community. Thank you again for your generous donation.

Most Sincerely,  
Buffy Maguire  
Vice President  
Take Back the Neighborhood Coalition

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the Archbishop Riordan High School Purple and Gold Gala Committee we would like to thank you for your support in making the 2008 Purple and Gold Gala event such a success. ARHS was honored to welcome more than 320 guests and this year's auction earned more than \$90,000 towards the Legacy of Hope Building Campaign. Groundbreaking has begun for The Carl Gellert and Celia Berta Gellert Ministry and Technology Center, a new Lecture Hall and state-of-the-art Visual Arts Center.

Gratefully,  
Audrey Magnusen  
Development Director  
Archbishop Riordan High School

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you so much for your generous contribution. Your support has helped me to retire my campaign debt from the 2006 election.

I am committed to sustaining the work I have begun as Supervisor and will continue to focus on ways to enhance the medical community, local businesses, and public education. Rest assured, I will fight for issues that are important to the residents of San Francisco.

Sincerely,  
Michela Alioto-Pier  
Supervisor, District Two

Dear POA —

Thank you for SFPOA Community Service Committee's contribution of \$300 to the Ronald McDonald House of San Francisco's Cinco de Mayo Golf Classic. Your gift provides a safe, healing haven, a supportive home-away-from-home, for families of critically ill children.

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darkest time in their lives, bringing comfort and hope. Thanks to you, these families stay in a caring environment while their child is receiving treatment at a San Francisco medical center - stays that, for some families, last not weeks but months. Volunteer-prepared meals, access to counseling and other supportive services are provided by our dedicated volunteers and staff.

We are grateful for your commitment to our work and look forward to earning your future support.

Thank you.  
Steve Rajninger  
President, Board of Directors  
Ronald McDonald House of San Francisco

Dear SFPOA—

Thank you for contributing to my State Senate campaign.

It will be an honor to represent the people of the 3rd State Senate District. I appreciate your support in helping me win this tough election.

Thank you again and I look forward to seeing you on the campaign trail.

Best Regards,  
Joe Nation

Dear POA—

On behalf of the George Washington Baseball Coaching Staff, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$250. Our program would not have the success it does without the additional funding from generous supporters like you. Your contribution will help the team enter the 2008 season with the financial support that is needed both for travel and for essential equipment.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Rob Fung, Class of '86  
Head Baseball Coach  
George Washington Baseball

Dear POA —

We, the family of Chuck Collins, would like to "Thank" all of the members of the SFPD who supported us during this difficult time with their prayers, cards, flowers and well wishes. While this letter mentions specific people or departments that actively participated in the funeral services, we really do thank everyone that has showed their support in so many ways.

The tribute to Chuck by the officers as we left Mass was beautiful. The many officers standing at attention and saluting was heartwarming. It made us realize how respected and admired he was by his other "family."

We would like to thank the members of the Traffic Company for their amazing escort to the cemetery. We have never seen anything like it. It was the kind of escort reserved for the President. We also thank Sgt. Dave O'Connor, for playing the bagpipes for us at church. Lastly, we want to thank the members of Mission Station, who facilitated the parking of the numerous vehicles at St. Philips Church.

While driving in our motorcade, we were elated to see that we were

going to pass the Hall of Justice, where Chuck worked the last 20 years with the SFPD. We were astounded to see the many people standing at attention and saluting in a sign of respect for Chuck, as we passed the Hall. This brought tears to every one's eyes in the entire procession.

During Chuck's 31 years with the SFPD he made so many good friends out of co-workers. He would have been so proud to see the sign of friendship and respect he received from all of you on the day of his funeral.

We thank you all for helping to make a very difficult day a little easier for us.

The Collins Family

Dear San Francisco Police Officers Association—

Thank you so much for your gift to support the work of Milo. The Milo Sanctuary, and all we do, depends on the generosity of people like you.

One thing that stays a constant is our desire to save lives and find these rescued pets great, permanent homes. The other constant need of the Milo Foundation, and our rescuing of adoptable animals, is the need and great appreciation of your help and support.

The Milo Sanctuary is green and beautiful this time of year - and there is so much to do — and a lot IS getting done!

The Milo Sanctuary is growing and evolving, as are our adoption programs in the Bay Area. Also we have our wonderful foster home network, which is so important in helping us save lives.

We are in kitten season and there is a steady springtime flow of puppies — to say nothing of all the wonderful adult animals left behind by folks facing foreclosure. Plus all the other reasons that people decide they have to surrender their pets to shelters where they face euthanasia.

Because you care enough to support Milo — we can continue to save many lives and for that we are very grateful.

In memory of Isabel Casciato, we thank you for the support.

Lynne Tingle  
Founder, The Milo Foundation

Dear Gary—

On behalf of the close to six thousand children in San Francisco who participate annually in our many SFPAL programs, I wish to thank you and your entire Board of Directors for the very generous donation made on behalf of the SFPOA to our upcoming golf tournament.

The SFPOA has been, and continues to be, our largest and most reliable supporter. Our participant fees continue to be the lowest in the city, and we never turn away a child who can't afford to pay. It is because of the type of support the SFPOA has provided for many years that we will continue to be able to keep San Francisco kids off the streets and on the fields.

Thanks again,  
Rick Bruce  
President, SFPAL



**Dear Mr. Delagnes —**  
Our thanks to you and the San Francisco Police Officers Association for the recent payment of \$10,000 towards the \$50,000 pledge for the National Law Enforcement Museum. With your generous support we are making progress towards our Campaign fundraising goal of \$80 million and are closer to making the Museum a reality.  
Again, we are truly grateful for your continued generous support.  
*Sincerely,*  
*Margaret A. Turner*  
*Chief Development Officer*  
*The National Law Enforcement Museum*

**Dear SFPOA —**  
Thank you for continuing to support OMI-Neighbors in Action with your membership.  
Your support is very important to the continued success of the Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingleside Neighbors in Action. First, your support shows others, such as, the Mayor's Office, Supervisor Sandoval, and other City Departments, that we stand together as a community making our voice more likely to be heard. It is this voice that makes sure Captain Chignell's vision of a Community Policing continues to be implemented.  
*Warm Regards,*  
*Mary C. Harris*  
*President OMI-NIA*

**Dear POA —**  
On behalf of the SFPD Ski Team I would like to express my sincerest thanks to you and the POA for your support for the Winter Police Games. Please accept our gratitude for your generosity toward the SFPD Ski Team with hopes of your continued support every year  
*Chris daRoza*  
*SFPD Ski Team*

**Editor —**  
I am sending you an article people may enjoy reading. If you believe it is appropriate to publish in the *Journal*, be my guest.  
*Maury Rothman*  
*Retired SFPD Sergeant*

**Maricopa County's Sheriff Joe Arpaio**  
Maricopa County was spending approximately 1.8 million dollars a year on stray animals, like cats and dogs. Sheriff Joe offered to take the department over, and the county supervisors said okay.  
The animal shelters are now all staffed and operated by prisoners. They feed and care for the strays. Every animal in his care is taken out and walked twice daily. He now has prisoners who are experts in animal nutrition and behavior. They give great classes for anyone who'd like to adopt an animal. He has literally taken stray dogs off the street, given them to the care of the prisoners, and had them place in dog shows.  
The best part? His budget for the entire department is now under 3 million dollars.  
The prisoners get the benefit of about \$0.28 an hour for working, but most would work for free, just to be out of their cells for the day. Most of his budget is for utilities, building maintenance, etc. He pays for the

prisoners out of the fees collected for adopted animals.  
I have long wondered when the rest of the country would take a look at the way he runs the jail system, copy some of his ideas. He has a huge farm, donated to the county years ago, where inmates can work, and they grow most of their own fresh vegetables and food, doing all the work and harvesting by hand. He has a pretty good-sized hog farm, which provides meat and fertilizer. It fertilizes the Christmas tree nursery where prisoners work for \$6 – \$8 for the holidays, and plant it later. We have six trees in our yard from the prison. Yup, he was re-elected last year with 83% of he vote.  
Now he's in trouble with the ACLU again. He paints all his buses and vehicles with a mural, that has a special hotline phone number painted on it where you can call and report suspected illegal aliens. Immigration and Customs Enforcement wasn't doing enough in his eyes, so he had 40 deputies trained specifically for enforcing immigration laws, started up his own hotline, and bought four new busses just for hauling folks back to the border. He's kind of a "Git-r-done" kind of Sheriff.  
To those of you not familiar with Joe Arpaio, he is the Maricopa Arizona County Sheriff and he keeps getting elected over and over again. This is one of the reasons why:  
Sheriff Joe Arpaio (in Arizona) who created the "Tent City Jail": He has jail meals down to 40 cents a serving and charges the inmates for them. He stopped smoking and porno magazines in the jails, took away their weights, and cut off all but "G" movies.  
He started chain gangs so the inmates could do free work on county and city projects. Then he started chain gangs for women so he wouldn't get sued for discrimination.  
He took away cable TV until he found out there was a Federal Court Order that required cable TV for jails, so he hooked up the cable TV again, but only let in the Disney Channel and the Weather Channel.  
When asked why the weather channel he replied, "So they will know how hot it's gonna be while they are working on my chain gangs." He cut off coffee since it has zero nutritional value.  
When the inmates complained, he told them, "This isn't the Ritz-Carlton...if you don't like it, don't come back." He bought Newt Gingrich's series on videotape that he pipes into the jails.  
When asked by a reporter if he had any lectures by a Democrat, he replied that a democratic lecture series might explain why a lot of the inmates were in his jail in the first place.  
With temperatures being hotter than usual in Phoenix (116 degrees just set a record) the Associated Press reports:  
About 2000 inmates living in a barbed wire surrounded tent encampment at the Maricopa County Jail have been given permission to strip down to their government issued pink boxer shorts.  
On Wednesday, hundreds of men wearing boxers were either curled up on their bunk beds or chatted in the tents, which reached 138 degrees inside the week before. Many were also swathed in wet, pink towels as sweat

collected on their chests and dripped down to their pink socks. "It feels like we are in a furnace," said James Zanzot, an inmate who has lived in the tent for 1 year. "It's inhumane."  
Joe Arpaio, the tough-guy sheriff who created tent city and long ago started making the prisoners wear pink, and eat bologna sandwiches, is not one bit sympathetic. He said that he told all of the inmates: "It's 120 degrees in Iraq and our soldiers are living in tents, too. And they have to wear full battle gear. But they didn't commit any crimes, so shut your damned mouths!" Way to go, Sheriff!  
Maybe if all prisons were like this one there would be lot less crime; and/or repeat offenders. Criminals should be punished for their crimes — not live in luxury until it's time for their parole, only to go out and commit another crimes so they can get back in to live on the taxpayer's money and enjoy the things taxpayers can't afford to have for themselves. Sheriff Joe was just re-elected Sheriff in Maricopa County.

**San Francisco Police Officers Association Announces Annual Jeff Barker Scholarship Awards Program**

**SFPOA Members:**  
The SFPOA is about to embark on its annual scholarship awards for your college bound dependents by offering a series of scholarship awards to dependents of SFPOA members, both active, retired and deceased who have held continuous SFPOA membership for more than one year prior to dependent's application.  
Qualified applicants will be limited to 2008 high school graduates with a "C" average or better. This presents a perfect opportunity for those creative students who may not have the opportunity to apply for other scholarships to do so now. Successful candidates will be judged on their scholastic records, extracurricular activities and local community involvement.  
The scholarship finalists will be selected by the SFPOA Scholarship Committee. Awards will be presented by August 2008.  
Take advantage of this opportunity to compete for the scholarship assistance awards for the 2008 fall college semester.  
Applications are available from the SFPOA office located at 800 Bryant St. 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 861-5060.  
Pick up your application or mail the attached request for application to the SFPOA.  
Completed applications must be returned to the SFPOA no later than May 23, 2008.

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Proceeds to benefit the LPOA Youth Scholarship Fund and Christmas Toy Giveaway. For scholarship application, please contact Hector Basurto at 415-420-5206 or email [lpasf@yahoo.com](mailto:lpasf@yahoo.com).

*(Scholarships will be given to SFPD members' children and community children)*

## **US Attorney Joseph P. Russoniello Appoints Annemarie Conroy Law Enforcement Coordinator**

SAN FRANCISCO — United States Attorney Joseph P. Russoniello announced the appointment of Annemarie Conroy, J.D., M.A., as Law Enforcement Coordinator for the United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of California.

As Law Enforcement Coordinator, Ms. Conroy will chair the District's Law Enforcement Coordination Committee and direct the District's Project Safe Neighborhood and Weed and Seed programs. Ms. Conroy's primary responsibility will be to maximize the use of federal resources to meet crime abatement objectives of mutual interest to federal, state and local agencies. She will serve as the United States Attorney's chief liaison to local law enforcement officials, including District Attorneys, County Sheriffs and Police Chiefs throughout the Northern District of California, as well as to State of California and federal law enforcement agencies.

"I am delighted Annemarie Conroy has joined our team. I have known Annemarie for many years to be a smart, effective, capable and energetic public servant. She brings to our office her extensive knowledge of local and regional government derived from over a decade of working in San Francisco and the Bay Area. Her impressive academic and professional credentials will be a great addition to our office," United States Attorney Joseph P. Russoniello said.

Ms. Conroy served as the Executive Director of Emergency Services and Homeland Security and as Director of Regional Homeland Security Program for the City and County of San Francisco from July 2004 to January 2007. During her tenure, she overhauled the city's all hazards Emergency Operations Plan for the first time in 10 years, created the first Earthquake Plan for a major American city, and implemented a myriad of new programs from citizen preparedness to increased terrorism training for first responders. She led the effort to create the first-in-the-nation Regional Emergency Coordination Plan for the ten Bay Area counties including the three cities of San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose.

Ms. Conroy oversaw the creation and implementation of the Bay Area Super Urban Area - a consolidation of the ten counties and three cities for purposes of implementing Homeland Security planning and programs, the federal Urban Area Security Initiative and other grant funding. She was selected as Chair of the entity by her peers in the region. She also received the Diamond Award from the California Emergency Services Association for Excellence in Emergency Management and Regional Planning.

Ms. Conroy has served on a number of committees dedicated to providing emergency services and focused on Homeland Security. She was chosen by the Department of Homeland Security to attend the prestigious Masters of Arts in Homeland Defense and Security program at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California which she completed in March, 2008.

Ms. Conroy is also a member of the California State Bar. She received her Juris Doctorate from Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Ms. Conroy has served as Vice President of the San Francisco Fire Commission, as a member of the San Francisco Police Commission, and as a County Transportation Authority Commissioner. She was selected in 2005 and 2006 by San Francisco Business Times as one of the "15 Most Influential Women in Bay Area Government."

As a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors from 1992 to 1995 Ms. Conroy served as Vice Chair of the Health, Public Safety and Environment Committee and as a member of the Economic Vitality and Social Policy Committee, and served as a member of the Mayor's Task Force to Reform the Juvenile Justice System under the leadership of Justice Harry Low.

Ms. Conroy produced several important pieces of legislation and uncovered millions of dollars in government waste in the city's Clean Water Program, Health Service System and other departments including abuses in the overtime and workers compensation programs.

She is the author of the city's "Full Force" Charter Amendment which requires full staffing in the San Francisco Police Department, and of the San Francisco's False Claims Act which penalizes contractors who overcharge the city.

She developed the city's first comprehensive Graffiti Abatement Program and authored legislation creating the Family Violence Prevention Council designed to coordinate a citywide response to domestic violence. She was honored with the President's Award by the Commission on the Status of Women for her work in the area of domestic violence.

From 1998 to 2004, Ms. Conroy served as Executive Director of the Treasure Island Development Authority. In this role, she oversaw all short and long term development planning for the closing of the former military base, and oversaw negotiations with the US Navy and the Department of Defense for conversion of the property to civilian use, including environmental remediation. She created and implemented a housing agreement to open former military housing to thousands of new residents which, on the one hand, provided \$50 million in net revenue to the Authority over seven years, and, on the other, made 222 units available to formerly homeless families at no cost to them. She oversaw all aspects of running, in effect, a small city from transportation and infrastructure development to providing emergency, police and fire services.

Ms. Conroy is expected to officially join the United States Attorney's Office in July once her background investigation has been completed.

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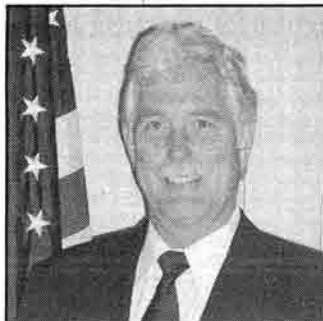
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## Book Reviews

# Lush Life

By Richard Price

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

Richard Price has become well-known as both a novelist, *Clockers* was his big seller, and a writer of screenplays-for television, *The Wire*, where he wrote gritty dialogue for the inhabitants of bleak streets of Baltimore. For that television show he shared an "Edgar Award." These credentials are definitely on display in his first novel in five years, *Lush Life*.

At the core of this novel is the murder of a young bartender on the East Side of New York City. Ike Marcus was out celebrating with his friend Steve Boulware and his boss, Eric Cash. Two young, pathetic thugs attempt to rob the three and Ike, defying the presence of a gun in the hand of one of robbers, says, "Not tonight, my man." We have all made mistakes in our lives but this was Ike's last; "Suicide by mouth," as a cop on the scene sums it up. Enter Detectives Matty Clark and Yolanda Bello, who begin their investigation by taking a very strong, decisive course of action in pursuing Eric Cash as not a victim but quite possibly the shooter. Their decision was based on two alleged eye-witnesses. If this book doesn't accomplish anything more, it shows the weakness of eyewitness statements and the danger of coming to conclusions without plenty of facts.

*Lush Life* has made *The New York Times'* bestseller list for a couple of weeks and topped the Bay Area's best-seller list for just as long. People like reality-style cop television shows very much. Price's greatest asset, writing dialogue, makes the whole book seem like just that: a continuation of *The Wire*, or some similar show. But this is not some one-hour adventure. The book is 455 pages long, which seems to me too much. Price seems to want to say a lot more than life is complicated and, therefore, so are homicide investigations. That's all well and good but at least one sub-story line or so could have been edited, if nothing else to keep the reader interested in the bigger picture. Price is great at

setting the scene, getting the language right and giving the reader the sense that he or she is there. He doesn't need all of these detours away from the main story. It's filled enough with racial perspectives, the loss imposed on neighborhoods by gentrification, aspirations of youth and the danger of having some talent, just not enough.

The job so consumes Detective Clark that his wife has left him years ago and his sons are total strangers. This inter-mix of his family failures, although believable, seems unnecessary. There are plenty of instances revealing Clark as a flawed person without leaving the story line. The victim's father, Billy Marcus, provides the reader with an insight into how some parents deal with the loss of a son. He is flailing about, sometimes out of control but always trying to find a way to deal with his tragedy.

Eric Cash is also trying to deal with his involvement but in his own tragic manner he seems to want to be punished for his failure to perform better at the scene of the crime. Eric is coming to grips with the fact that he will not be an actor but he's a pretty good restaurant/bar manager. There are at least two scenes where the reader learns just how much psychological effort goes into running a bar or restaurant successfully. There are many more scenes where Eric is consumed by disappointment in himself and displays a need for penance.

Price writes convincingly about how many peoples' lives have not met their expectations and how they either learn to deal with that or they become unraveled, loopy and lost.

In 1949 Billy Strayhorn wrote the music and lyrics to a song titled, *Lush Life*. I wonder if Price had listened to or read the lyrics. Perhaps. The end of the song goes like this:

"Romance is mush, stifling those who strive — I'll live a Lush Life in some small dive, and there I'll be while I rot with the rest of those whose lives are lonely too." Not exactly words to live by, but like this novel, it's fascinating.

# The Dead — A Novella From *The Dubliners*

By James Joyce

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

Every year near St. Patrick's Day I attempt to read something by an Irish writer. This year I thought I was up to James Joyce; no small task. But I softened my challenge by not starting *Ulysses*. That book is like assigning oneself a semester project. Instead I began reading *The Dubliners*, in an edition by The Folio Society. This edition displays several photos of Dublin at the turn of the 20th Century, timely to Joyce's writing. The photos are sepia and give the sense of a more formal time, reflecting more clearly what Joyce would have seen while he walked about Dublin circa 1900. At the end of the book is "A Note on the Text," which provided some little known quirks about Joyce's writing style and why the Folio edition made changes to what has been more commonly printed. One such unusual preference was that Joyce didn't use quotation marks to denote direct discourse. He preferred dashes, referring to the inverted commas as, "perverted commas" that were "unsightly" and "unrealistic." The editors of The Folio Society should be commended to learn of this and to comply with the author's wishes.

The accompanying book review this month talks about a writer who has great talent with dialogue. It's true that Richard Price has a great ear for language of the street and an accomplished manner in relating that patois, but when a reader peruses Joyce almost all other writers, no matter how many books they sell or how many awards they win, seem greatly diminished. Joyce's dialogues are priceless. Without resorting to slang expressions nor being stuffy, Joyce puts the reader into

the Dublin homes of his very- much-alive characters. In the mere 50 pages of *The Dead*, the last story from *The Dubliners*, Joyce creates full-blown characters, filled with hopes, disappointments and longings.

Gretta and Gabriel Conroy have attended a party at a friend's home. The home is filled with all types of Dubliners having a grand time. The description of the dinner table is spot-on. A piano is being played and, mixed with spirits and tender lyrics, a tenor voice clears the noise of the party. The song particularly strikes Gretta. But what is it that takes hold of her? It is within the last half of the story that Joyce will entice you with a few lustful thoughts, a revelation of a youthful romance and the fear of what else one doesn't know about one's spouse. The wife reveals that when she was very young a Galway boy had fallen in love with her and used to sing that song for her. The boy died of an un-described illness and Gretta feels he died for her. There is such a sadness that overwhelms the scene that it takes a while to realize that the death of the young man has led to this moment, with Gabriel and Gretta together. Joyce makes us see that our lives are more than just what we believe them to be or what we think we have made of ourselves. Much more.

*The Dubliners*, however, is more than just this novella. There are fourteen short stories preceding *The Dead*. It is the most readable and easiest to understand of all of Joyce's works, but to the careful reader there is much to be enjoyed. To the literary critic there is probably more, with each story being carefully constructed and written, but one doesn't have to be a literary critic or literature snob to enjoy this great collection.



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## News from the District Attorney's Office

### DA Announces Night Club Shooter Convicted Of Murder

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Gerry Phongboupouha, age 25, CTN 201419 was convicted by a jury of one count of first degree murder for the shooting death of 21-year-old Justin Mendoza of Daly City. He was also found guilty of three counts of attempted murder and two counts of assault with a firearm for the same shooting incident in which five others were injured including two of the defendant's companions.

"I thank the jury for holding this defendant fully accountable for this senseless act of violence," said San Francisco District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "Without question, this murderer should be off our streets along with the illegal, lethal weapons that have been claiming so many of our citizens' lives."

The convictions stem from a March 21, 2005 incident in which Defendant Phongboupouha fired into a group of individuals with whom he had been arguing, striking and killing Mr. Mendoza, who according to witnesses was an innocent bystander walking by at the time of the shooting.

Witnesses said the murder and related shootings of five other people occurred at 2 am, just after the closing of Club Cocomo, located in San Francisco's Potrero Hill neighborhood.

"I first want to applaud DA Harris and her team's efforts on prosecuting this case," said San Francisco Supervisor Sophie Maxwell. "This conviction reminds us that we need to do more to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors who have the right to safely

and responsibly enjoy the nightlife San Francisco has to offer without fear of violence."

The jury deliberated for six days before returning the verdicts following a four-week jury trial before Superior Court Judge Jerome Benson in Department 21. Defendant Phongboupouha, of Richmond, was arrested on April 30, 2005. He was charged with the murder of Justin Mendoza and the shooting of five other people.

The maximum statutory penalty for first degree murder is 25 years to life, plus an additional 25 to life sentence for killing the victim with a firearm. The defendant also faces life terms for the attempted murder convictions with eligibility for parole after seven years.

Additionally, the defendant faces 10 years for the use of a firearm for each of the attempted murders. The defendant may also serve up to four years for each of the assaults with a firearm, and up to 10 years for using a firearm. The defendant also faces an additional three years for infliction of great bodily injury on involving the assault on the five surviving victims.

The conviction is the result of an investigation by San Francisco Police Department Lt. Steve Balma. Rob Wade is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case and the Victim Advocate is Jean Hassett.

"Assistant District Attorney Wade and Lieutenant Balma did an outstanding job of presenting this case to the jury and bringing this perpetrator to justice," said DA Harris. "I thank them for their efforts."

### Man Arraigned for Alleged Fraud Targeting Elderly Asian San Franciscans

District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced the arraignment of a man for allegedly defrauding seven Asian San Francisco men and women, including five elderly persons, in a repeated scam that goes back over the last fourteen months.

Ken Hue Hua, 42, of San Francisco, was arrested Friday, February 29, 2008 at his home by inspectors and officers of the San Francisco Police Department. He was arraigned in San Francisco Superior Court on Monday, March 3, 2008 in Department 9 before Judge Loretta Giorgi. He remains in custody. The bail was set on Hua's arrest warrant at \$500,000 as requested by the District Attorney's Office and maintained at that amount by Judge Giorgi. No plea was entered by the defendant at the time of arraignment. Mr. Hua will appear in court again on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 to enter a plea, at which time the Judge will also set a preliminary hearing date.

Mr. Hua is charged with twenty four total counts, Court No. 2357480. Of these, fourteen counts are felonies: five counts of theft from an elder (Penal Code section 368(d)), seven counts of grand theft (PC 487(a)), one count of attempted theft from an elder (PC 664/368(d)), and one count of attempted grand theft (PC 664/487(a)). In addition, Mr. Hua is charged with the following misdemeanor offenses: three counts of theft from an elder (PC 368(d)), three counts of petty theft (PC 488), two counts of attempted theft from an elder (PC 664/368(d)), and two counts of attempted petty theft (PC 664/488). The maximum punishment Mr. Hua faces is ten years, ten months in state prison, and full restitution to the alleged victims.

In addition, Mr. Hua is on felony probation in San Francisco for grand theft from the person (PC 487(c)). The District Attorney's Office filed papers to revoke that probation if found in violation of his probation,

Mr. Hua could be sentenced to an additional eight months in state prison, which could be run consecutively to any sentence on his new charges. At the District Attorney's request, Judge Giorgi ordered the defendant be held without bail on the motion to revoke probation.

Mr. Hua allegedly defrauded the seven charged victims by using the same scheme, with some minor variations, over and over again. These offenses are alleged to have been committed over the last fourteen months against seven different Asian victims. Five of these seven victims were elders (i.e., were over the age of 65).

The defendant allegedly committed these offenses by telephoning his victims at their homes and posing as either their doctor, a relative or a friend. Once gaining the victim's trust, the defendant purportedly would tell the victim he needed money from them for any one of various reasons: either his son, nephew or friend needed the funds for car repairs, for bail because they had been arrested, to pay fees at the Chinese embassy, or to pay overdue bills. The alleged victims say the defendant then would promise to repay the victim after the money was given to him. The defendant is alleged to have made repeated requests for additional money from his victims, and often obtained such additional funds. After giving money under such circumstances to the defendant, none of the victims was ever repaid.

In addition to the seven charged victims' cases, an additional nineteen persons, all of Asian descent, and most over the age of 65, have been victimized by a nearly identical scam over this same fourteen month period.

The arrest of Mr. Hua is the result of a lengthy investigation by Inspector Julie Yee of the SFPD Fraud Detail. Alan Kennedy is the Assistant District Attorney handling the case.

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# PAL CORNER

By Rick Bruce  
President, SFPAL

## Do we really need a PAL?

Several months ago as we were laying the groundwork for the reintroduction of our vaunted boxing program, the PAL applied for a funding grant from a city department which shall remain nameless. We were denied the grant funding, and learned later on from City Hall sources that the reason for the denial was the "P" in PAL. In other words, it was due to our association with the San Francisco Police Department. We were told that many of the more "progressive" groups in city government would never opt to support the PAL, because we are an extension of the police department.

It was suggested to me, in a sincere (although misdirected) desire to assist the PAL, that perhaps we should rename our organization so that we could attempt to obtain grant funding from city agencies which would never support a police related youth organization. Although I actively support other youth organizations in San Francisco, including both the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club, for me, there was no decision to be made.

For the past eleven years I have been a member of the Board of Directors of the SFPAL not just because I believe that this organization does great work for thousands of kids in San Francisco (which it does), but because I spent my entire adult life as a San Francisco police officer and ultimately came to understand the difference that police officers can make in the lives of kids, particularly kids from troubled backgrounds. What I eventually told this well-meaning person was that, should the SFPAL ever choose to change its name and drop its status as a PAL, I would choose to change my status also, and would no longer remain a member of the board.

My response was not meant to be confrontational, but rather, a simple explanation as to why I choose to volunteer so much of my time (and donate so much of my money) to the SFPAL. There are two basic tenets which underlie the thousands of PALs that exist across America. First, if we can keep kids off of our street corners and on our ball fields, they will be less likely to get into trouble. Second, kids who are exposed early on to police officers in a non-confrontational setting develop an entirely different world view regarding law enforcement, choosing mostly to view police officers in a positive, rather than a negative, light.

When I started playing organized football in the seventh grade, my coach was a policeman. He spent countless off-duty hours turning a group of neighborhood knuckleheads into a team which would not only win back to back city championships,

but which would stay largely intact as teammates all the way through their senior year in high school. Following high school, many of these young men expressed a desire to become policemen themselves. Although I was the only one who chose to pursue this career path long-term, the impact that this cop-coach had on this group of young men was undeniable.

That was forty years ago, and it took me many years to realize just how important those early experiences were. One of these revelations came when I was guest lecturing at the Academy in the early 90's, and recognized a young female recruit sitting in the classroom. The young woman was Edie Lewis, and I had met her years earlier when she was growing up in the city and I was working with the department's Adventure Youth program to take kids rafting and camping on weekends. Edie had made many friends in the SFPD, and as a gifted high school basketball player, would frequently have games at the old Kezar Pavillion. I was still working swings at Park Station, and Edie stopped by on more than one occasion prior to a game to tell me that she was going to be playing. Edie is today a talented and respected member of the department, and I know that

the many friendships that she formed with members of the SFPD helped to draw her into the department.

A great many of the members of the SFPD had similar experiences while growing up in San Francisco. Chief of Police Heather Fong participated in and graduated from the PAL law enforcement cadet program. Deputy Chief Greg Suhr played several seasons of PAL football at Glen Park. His teammates included Jim Miller, Kurt Bruneman, Brian Delahunty, and others. PAL Vice President Bob Knighton played PAL baseball for many years, and still speaks fondly of the day that Chief of Police Al Nelder came to one of his baseball games and spoke to all of the assembled kids.

This is why we still need the SFPAL. The kids growing up today in San Francisco need healthy and safe activities just as much, if not more, than they did in the 1960's and 70's. What they also need is to be exposed to police officers, and to be able to count at least one member (hopefully more) of the SFPD as their friend or mentor. This is one of the more positive aspects of our

boxing program, where several members of the department are currently volunteering their time as coaches, mentors, and friends.

## Golf Tournament

There is still time to sign up for this year's SFPAL golf tournament, which will be held on May 19th at the historic Presidio Golf Course. As always, players will enjoy a day of golf, prizes, fellowship, friendly competition, great food (and Margaritas) on the course, a banquet following the day's golf, a visit (and photos) with the 49er cheerleaders, and an opportunity to support your PAL and the great work that it does each and every year in San Francisco. Please phone 415-401-4666 for more information.

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# Sports



## Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh,  
Journal Sports Editor

### Department Softball In Full Swing

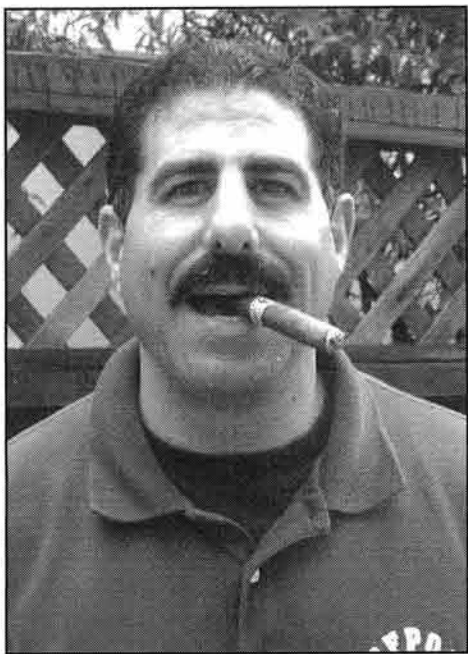
CHECK IT OUT: This year's softball season is about midway through at the printing of this column with the weather cooperating nicely; in fact, I can't remember when we had a year with no rainouts. Games being rescheduled because of Torch Runs is another story.

The A Division is being led by the early favorite Narcotics/GTF who have a 4-0 record. The likes of Quoc "Q-Dog" Do, Kevin "Bradshaw" Murray, and Ricky Guerrero are a big reason for their success. Right on their tail in second place are the Park Islanders who are at 4-1, with their one loss coming from a game against Narc/GTF. Players helping this squad out are Mike Alexander in the outfield, Curtis Nakano and Mark Moreno in the infield and of course Bob "Fishing Program" Ford on the mound.

The Mission Diablos are barely in third place at 2-3. With players such as Aaron Fischer, Marco Garcia and Sergio Lopez leading the way, the Diablos should be more competitive during the second half of the season. The Bayview Pitbulls are next at 1-2 and are suffering because players such as Steve Coleman and Mike Ellis who haven't been able to make the games lately. Mike "Bugsy" Moran, big Bill Kraus and even retired captain Rick Bruce will just have to carry the torch.

Southern Station is 1-3 and have had a hard time getting everyone out at the same time. If Greg Buhagiar, Greg Latus, Joe Salazar, and Louie Wong can get the ball rolling, this team could go far. The Inspectors are pulling up the rear at 0-3 but it's not for a lack of competitive play. They've been in all of their games but have been just falling short. I'll give credit to guys such as Joe Cordes, Alan Honniball, Mike "Mickey" Morley, Lenny Broberg, and Joe "JC" Carroll who have kept the Inspectors team afloat and will try to make a second half run.

The B Division has the Central Diners in the lead at 4-0 with young guys like Chris Olson and Matt Sullivan very well complementing seasoned vets such as Ed "Loons Nest" Garcia, Mike Norman (retired), and Kevin



Worrell. Right there in second place is the always strong Taraval/Richmond team. They have ball players that you can count on such as Rafael "Raffy" Labutan and Al Encinas who play well with retirees Gene Traversaro and Bill Decarski.

Ingleside Station is next at 3-2 with new players Steve Hampton and Miguel Gonzalez doing well along side Shawn Phillips, Dave Maron Sr. (retired) and Victor Huey. Northern Station is 2-2 but have some young talent on that team. Steven Needham (son of Kevin) is who I'm talking about. He's got that left field covered like Mike Morley used to in the old days. Others such as Pat Kennedy and Sean Rogers are also playing well. The Tenderloin Rats are quietly going along also at 2-2 but I think O'Mahoney, Clinton, and Obrochta could use a little help maybe from Goodwin and Cortes if they could find their way to a game.

The Airport Bureau is hanging in there at 2-3 with seasoned veterans Nick Allen, Marty Scanlon, Bob "Chappy" Chapman and Joe "Bulldog" Finigan holding the fort with the help of newcomer John "Cork" Corkery as well as returnee Steve "Coach" Ryan. The SF Sheriffs, Daly City PD and SF CHP are all at the bottom of the division but they've got young players who can make a difference in the second half if they can all get to a game at the same time. As far as the Inspectors New Blood team is concerned, they did not play one game and ended up folding like a cheap deck of cards — apparently Mat

Rodgers bit off a little more than he could chew when he tried to get this thing off the ground. Oh well. Check out the standings for both the A and B Divisions below.

### Softball Banquet And Other Events

This year's end of season softball banquet will take place on the evening of Tuesday, June 10th, which is the same day that the championship games will take place. It will be held at the Trocadero Clubhouse in Sigmund Stern Grove and is only \$35.00 for dinner and cocktails and awards. Any department member is welcome and I of course, encourage retirees as well. Check out the flyer with more details in this same sports section.

Also take a look at the flyer about the Seventh Annual Emerald Society Golf Tournament taking place on Monday, Aug. 18th at the Lake Merced Golf Club. People are encouraged to start looking at who will be in their foursomes and to forward the names soon as this tourney is always a great time and sells out quickly.

The next mixed martial arts event at Kezar Pavilion and sponsored by Full Contact Promotions will be on Friday, July 18th. For more information on

that evening of bouts, go on line to [GladiatorChallenge.com](http://GladiatorChallenge.com).

### Department Flag Football Team

Juan Daniels of Southern Station along with Alex Cortes of the Market St. Beat are looking for players to join their flag football team. Practices should be getting under way this month of May to prepare for a tournament in Las Vegas Aug. 14th-16th as well as possibly going to Boise for the Western Police/Fire Games the following week. Contact Daniels at 415-553-1373 during the midnight shift..

### De Lasalle High

Traffic's Frank Achim is very proud of his nephew Johnny Mogannam who tried out and made the freshman lacrosse team at infamous De Lasalle High School back in April. Johnny is carrying on the tradition that Frank's son Brandon Achim started back in the early 90's when he played football and was part of their national championship in 1991. Frank asked me if I'd print it and here it is. Congrats.

That's all for now.....So See Ya next month.....

### SF Police Softball League Standings

#### A Division:

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB
Narcotics/GTF	4	0	1.000	
Park Islanders	4	1	.800	½
Mission Diablos	2	3	.400	2 ½
Bayview Pitbulls	1	2	.333	2 ½
Southern Station	1	3	.250	3
The Inspectors	0	3	.000	3 ½

#### B Division

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB
Central Diners	4	0	1.000	
Taraval/Richmond	3	0	1.000	½
Ingleside Station	3	2	.600	1 ½
Northern Bulldogs	2	2	.500	2
Tenderloin Rats	2	2	.500	2
Airport Bureau	2	3	.400	2 ½
SF Sheriffs	1	3	.250	3
Daly City PD	1	3	.250	3
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# Sports



## Tour de Cops, 2008

By Chris daRoza,  
Airport Bureau

This year the SFPD Ski Team attended Tour de Cops which were held in Silver Star Resort located in beautiful British Columbia, Canada just outside the City of Kelowna. The events were from January 27th thru February 2nd, 2008. This year only two of us were in attendance from the Ski Team, Brian Petiti and myself (Chris daRoza). These events are organized by a group of Canadian Police Officers with the goal of promoting camaraderie through competition. The events also raise donations each year for Cancer Patient Care through Cops for Cancer.

These events included the Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super G and a Downhill. This event is the only one in North America that offers a downhill race. Tour de Cops is the only event where one could reach speeds up to 100 kmh, which is equivalent to about 63 mph. Temperatures reached to a near -20 to -25 C (-4 to -13 F) which made it the coldest ever we have raced in. Extra layers were indeed the case in these events unless one was brave enough to race in a race suit; Petiti was brave enough to do so.

In addition to the racing, the group was given 8 hours of race training. The training was found to be very helpful and fundamental for our efforts. The first day after the Slalom/Seed race we were divided up into groups of 5-8 people and each group was given a coach. The coaches were awesome.



Brian Petiti and Chris daRoza on the ski lift

They taught us things we may have never learned on our own by just free skiing such as steadiness, balance and using ones edges for carving on the race course. They got to know us individually throughout the week. At each race we were allowed to take a practice run and the coaches along the route would let us know what we needed to improve on such as stance, turning/carving, and better techniques on how to pick up speed.

All racers were grouped by 10-year age brackets and ability. This was gauged by the Slalom/Seed Race. All together we had about 35-40 sworn and un-sworn police officers from around Canada, USA, Australia, and New Zealand. Awards were given after the lifts stopped running in the local Pub. In these events even if you were a guest you were allowed to ski or board the same courses. This made it fun for the guests because if one brought a guest they could race next to you or

against you depending on where they placed in the seed race.

The Slalom/Seed race placed us as follows: Petiti - Advanced 40, daRoza-Advanced 30. The SFPD Ski Team did quite well. Petiti brought home 2 Gold Medals, 1 Silver Medal and 1 Bronze Medal and I (daRoza) with 4 Gold Medals. During the Downhill race the coaches used a radar gun to track our speed. Petiti was clocked going 89 kmh (56 mph) and daRoza at 76 kmh (46 mph). Fun was had by all who attended.

This year we stayed at the host hotel where most of attendees stayed. It was a great location because it was right inside the village and made it easier to communicate with all the people that attended. New friends were made and some old friends were united. Next years Tour de Cops will again be held at the Silver Star Resort located in Kelowna, Canada and Lord Aberdeen will again be the host hotel (dates still to be determined). Each year we are able to raise just over \$1500 CDN for Cops for Cancer.

If there are any interested skiers or boarders that want to join us next year, one can contact me at [SFPDSkiTeam@AOL.COM](mailto:SFPDSkiTeam@AOL.COM) or go to [www.tourdecops.com](http://www.tourdecops.com) for more information. I have also made a web site, which has better access to pictures I have taken. The site can be found at [www.sfpdskiteam.spaces.live.com](http://www.sfpdskiteam.spaces.live.com)

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Brian Petiti in a race suit

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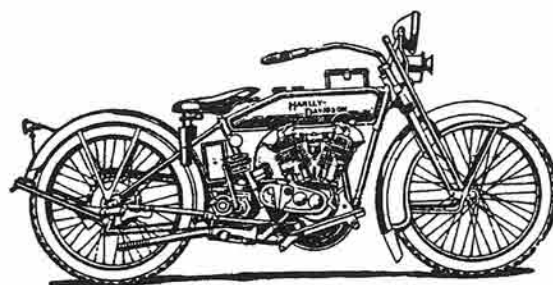
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# North American Police Ski Championships (NAPSC) 2008

By Chris daRoza  
Airport Bureau

The North American Police Ski Championship (NAPSC) was held from February 24th to March 2nd, 2008 at Keystone Mountain Resort, just outside of Denver, Colorado. Keystone Mountain Resort has great skiing and was a great venue for these events. The weather was beautiful and sunny for the days we attended.

The efforts of NAPSC in the past have raised about \$600,000 for the Winter Sports Programs of the Special Olympics and the 62 families who lost law enforcement officers on 9/11/2001. This year proved again for a great week of skiing, meeting old friends, making new ones and helping NAPSC to continue to raise donations for a terrific cause.

As in the past, racers were grouped by 5 year age increments, gender, and ability. To be eligible, one must have completed the seed race with teams comprised of at least two officers from the same department. The events included a Giant Slalom, Slalom, and a Super G, where helmets were required. There were award nights, an auction, and a banquet on the last day. Everyone who attended was eligible and won a door prize given out each night.

This year there were 4 of us that attended the events. Brian Petiti (Bayview), Chaigne Stokes (Southern), Mike Petuya (Southern) and myself (Chris daRoza of the Airport Bureau) made up the SFPD Ski Team and Kevin Williams from the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. Brian and I (Chris) were seeded in the advance division while Chaigne and Mike were both seeded in the beginners division. Kevin did not compete due to a previous injury but was there for camaraderie.

We all did fairly well: Brian Petiti was able to win all 3 medals Gold, Silver and Bronze and I, Chris daRoza also was able to win all 3 medals, Gold, Silver and Bronze. In addition, being in the the advance division Brian and

I ended up winning the 3rd place aggregate award. This award will be gladly presented to the POA. Stokes and Petuya were both successful as well by winning 3 gold medals in each of their events.

This week was another memorable occasion and it was all for a good cause. At the Banquet night, it was brought to our attention that despite being in a group that was smaller than usual, we were still able to raise just over \$37,000 for the Winter Sports Programs of the Special Olympics as well as the Law Enforcement families of 9/11. The grand total for the last 19 years pushed the total amount to just over \$630,000

Next year's NAPSC will be held at Snowmass Village, which is just outside of Aspen, Colorado from March 7th to 14th, 2009. Next year's events will be a special occasion for the group since it will be the 20th anniversary of these events taking place. The board members of NAPSC have planned other fun events including the races that will make the 20th Anniversary a memorable one.

If interested in attending the 20th



SFPD Ski Team (L to R) Brian Petiti, Chris daRoza, Chaigne Stokes and Mike Petuya

Anniversary events for NAPSC feel free to write me at [SFPDSkiTeam@aol.com](mailto:SFPDSkiTeam@aol.com) or go to [WWW.NAPSC.ORG](http://WWW.NAPSC.ORG). For some photos of our team at this year's events go to [www.livespaces.msn.com/sfpdskiteam](http://www.livespaces.msn.com/sfpdskiteam).

In addition, we would like to give thanks to the SFPOA who supported our efforts with hopes of their contin-

ued support next year. This year's ski season is coming to a close, but you can still go to the slopes just make sure your skis or boards are properly waxed up. Have a great year, be safe, and hope to see more of the SFPD in Colorado next year.



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**So See Ya There!**



# International Police Winter Games (IPWG), 2008

By Chris daRoza  
Airport Bureau

The International Police Winter Games (IPWG) was held on March 2nd to March 7th, 2008, in Alpine Ski Resort in Beautiful North Lake Tahoe, California. In attendance this year from the SFPD Ski Team were Brian Petiti (Bayview), Robert "Hammer" Malliaras (Hondas), myself (Chris daRoza of the Airport Bureau) and Pablo Ossio (Juvenile), who did not race but showed up for the last day banquet for camaraderie.

The events included a Seed Race/Slalom, Dual Slalom, Giant Slalom and a modified Super G. All racers were grouped by ability, which encouraged closer competition no matter what gender or age one was. As it turned out Petiti, and myself (daRoza) were in Group 2 and Malliaras was in Group 4. There were about 5 racers in each category so we all had good competition.

This was a good year for this Lake Tahoe event as it was a very good season for snowfall. During this particular week, the weather was sunny and snow conditions decent. The first race was a bit hard due to the hard pack conditions, but later in the afternoon the snow softened up.

In the end, Petiti received a Bronze Medal and Malliaras (Hammer) received both a Silver and Bronze. I (daRoza) ended up with a Silver Medal in the Giant Slalom, and was 4th fastest on the hill in the Dual Slalom.

Again lots of fun was had by all, especially in the after hours where we were able to all come together and get better acquainted with everyone who attended. The final day we got together for a banquet at the Alpine Village Resort. At the moment, we are unsure where next year's events will be held and dates are still to be determined.

If you're interested in joining us for next year's events, (boarders and skiers are welcome to attend) please drop me an email at [SFPDSkiTeam@aol.com](mailto:SFPDSkiTeam@aol.com) or go to [www.IPWG.com](http://www.IPWG.com). Also, to see pictures of the events you can go to [www.sfpdskiteam.spaces.live.com](http://www.sfpdskiteam.spaces.live.com). Thanks to the officers from Marin County and Novato for putting on the events. We would like to give special thanks to the POA for their wonderful support as usual.



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The Western States Police and Fire Games began in 1967 as the California Police Olympics. Though the name has changed the Games remain the same. Thousands of competitors from the law enforcement and fire communities participate each year in the Games.

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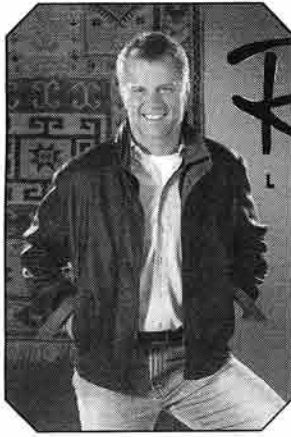
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# Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson,  
SFPOA

Once again there was an outstanding turn-out for the SFPOA Medal of Honor Award ceremony put together by Vice-President Kevin Martin on the evening of Thursday, April 24, 2008. And Kevin found the perfect guest speaker in former Inspector Jack Cleary, one of the most respected of all of our retired members who, with four sons in the Department, just might have something to say. Jack passed on the secret of success for each and every officer wearing the SFPD uniform: Never do anything to embarrass your family, the Department, or yourself. It definitely worked for him...

The story of those awarded the special SFPOA honor is captured in the middle of this issue honoring a lot of courageous officers so we're not going to re-cap the obvious in this column. We would, however, like to honor a few members for just doing their job...



Officer Daniel Kroos was subpoenaed to the Grand Jury that was convened to investigate the death of Officer Nick Birco. He had to be available, on court standby, for several of his off-duty days for which he was compensated on an overtime basis. When Dan received his overtime compensation he cut a separate check for the entire amount and donated it to the SFPD Widows and Orphans in honor of Officer Nick Birco. Officer Daniel Kroos has only been in the Department for 3 years, but that kid is pure class!

The car was straddling the island on the 1600 block of Lombard in the late afternoon and the driver was unconscious. Officer Patrick Kennedy and Officer Komi Touglo arrived and immediately went to work on the passed out driver who was without a pulse. They continued with their CPR efforts

until the SFFD got there and, thanks to their training and professionalism, they saved a life.

Several years ago Lieutenant Mary Petri, Inspector Sandy Daly, Officer Matt Gardner, and a few others visited UCSF Hospital and dropped off Christmas presents to the seriously ill children. Their visit took place during the early evening and the next day the Child Life Center supervisor was, to put it mildly, a little upset at the "unscheduled" visit. Future visits were coordinated so that "Santa" never missed a chance to come by and take a Polaroid photo with those who couldn't leave their rooms to meet the red-suited myth they all believed in and loved. Sgt. Lyn Tomioka has since taken the visits over along with Deputy Chief Greg Suhr, and retired Deputy Chief Rick Bruce. However, we just learned that Officer William Conley raised over \$8,000.00 this last Christmas to purchase gifts for over 120 children hospitalized. The money was donated from officers throughout the City and, in addition, William handled the most difficult part of the entire project... he played Santa.



There was a family tragedy and notifications had to be made. Officer Lorenzo Adamson volunteered. He responded to an address where he had to gently inform a 101-year-old woman of the details. Lorenzo spent a long time with her just to make sure she was o.k. He went to get her something to drink and noticed that her refrigerator was empty. Officer Adamson went shopping for a week's worth of groceries and then set the woman up with Sergeant Randall Young so that she could be placed in contact with Adult Services.

The couple returned home to their residence on Sacramento Street from an earlier engagement and found several subjects leaving through their back door running to a waiting car.

The husband just managed to get the license number before the car raced off. The house was ransacked with important computer information and precious heirloom jewelry taken that could never be replaced by insurance money. Officer Kathy Wong, Officer Michael Wright, and Sergeant Rowland Wing responded and conducted an outstanding investigation which resulted in locating the suspects in Oakland. The officers then drove the victims over to the East Bay where the husband was able to positively identify one of those involved. Inspector Alan Honniball, Burglary Detail, conducted an immediate follow-up interview and skillfully had the suspect confessing to the crime. The officers recovered every item taken and the suspect has been charged with first-degree burglary, grand theft, and possession of stolen property.

Now, none of these officers mentioned in the incidents above sent me the information about their exploits... other officers did! And that's important. Other police officers had so much respect for Officer Dan Kroos, Officer Pat Kennedy, Officer Komi Touglo, Officer William Conley, Officer Lorenzo Adamson, Officer Kathy Wong, Officer Michael Wright, Sergeant Rowland Wing, and Inspector Alan Honniball, and the work they did that they took the time to make sure they'd get mentioned somewhere... and, hell, even if it's only in *Close Encounters*, it still means a lot.



The man sitting on the stairs at Castro and Market looked vaguely familiar to Officer Lisa Frazer — then again, Lisa has one of the most demanding beats in the Mission District and runs across hundreds of people every day with just as many stories. But Lisa still had that strong suspicion that good cops learn over the years of paying their dues... further investigation revealed that the subject trying to avoid eye-contact with Lisa was wanted for 5 bank robberies in San Francisco.

The guy walking on Palou Avenue in the middle of the day with a heavy jacket with the hood up in weather that was definitely the exception for the City, closing in on 80 degrees, piqued the interest of Officer Stephen Coleman and Sergeant Mike Moran. Stephen and Mike conducted a brief investigation due to the actions of the man who was obviously stylish-challenged and they recovered

the fully-loaded gun he was carrying which accompanied him to Bayview Station.



The crazed man with the knife who was attacking his innocent victim at 7th and Howard Streets on a late evening was stopped in his tracks by Officer Angus Chambers who disarmed the suspect and then turned him over to Inspector Steve Haskell from the General Works Detail who did the rest.

The thief who was concealing expensive hard-drive components in his jacket with the intent to permanently deprive Office Max of their profit was discovered by a security guard. The thief did what he thought was the only right thing to do... he ran. Officer Eric Elias and Officer Raymond Kane were nearby and picked up the suspect within a block of the crime and then they ran him down. It was like the scene from Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid when Butch and the Kid are being followed by a posse of professional trackers until they have to stop and, totally frustrated, comment, "Who are those guys?" Eric and Raymond were "those guys" this time. A 3-block foot chase ensued and ended in a flying tackle with the suspect in cuffs.



Three nights later and Officer Eric Elias and Officer Raymond Kane are back checking out an individual who, they know, has a warrant for his arrest. Just happened he was also armed with a fully-loaded, 9mm semi-automatic weapon which they relieved him of... this time without the chase.

And yes, this column is normally reserved for great police work but every once in a while we receive notice of, shall we say, something different. That was the case when the plain white envelope arrived from Central Station with the notation "No Fowl Play Suspected!". This item was immediately x-rayed and then carefully opened. The contents revealed the CAD history of Officer John Ferrando who had, single-handedly, captured a chicken that was running around with an empty can tied to its leg... the chicken was turned over to officials. John's *Close Encounter* days are numbered...



POA Medal of Valor winners Gerald Lyons, Jason Kirchner, Joshua Olson, Daniel A. McDonagh, Erik Whitney, Reginald Scott, Arshad A. Razzak, Gregory M. Buhagiar, and Matthew R. Cole